



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

An individual, couple, organization, or business that has made a significant contribution during the past year to making Arlington a better place to live, work, or visit.

I nominate _____ for his/her service to the community through involvement in the following organization and activities:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR NOMINATION.
DEADLINE FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH.
EMAIL JENNIFER@ARLINGTON-SMOKEYPOINTCHAMBER.COM
OR FAX NOMINATION FORM TO 360-657-1002***



The Outlook

January, 2009

To cultivate a business community that works together to enhance economic vitality in the Greater Arlington area.

OFFICERS

President: Paul Graves
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Steve Griffith 425-334-6679
Arlington Appraisal

Letter from the President

A Happy New Year to all of you. Here is looking forward to a better year ahead. That is not to say that the Chamber had a bad year in 2008 however.

As most of you are aware, after the merger of the Arlington and Smokey Point Chambers we were financially challenged. After two years of operating in the red, I am very pleased to report that we ended 2008 in the black. I would like to thank all of you members for your continued support that has made this possible. Special thanks go out to Adam Bellinger (previous treasurer), Simona DeVries (current treasurer) and chamber member Lisa Olander, CPA for their hard work on our finances.

And where would we be without our fundraisers? Julie Morse continues to work tirelessly on the installation dinner and auction, the golf tournament, the 4th of July celebration & fireworks, and more things than I even know about.

We also had some very interesting programs at our monthly luncheons. Thank you Heather Logan.

And we decided to start an ambassadors program in 2008. Who should we ask to do this? Jessica Stickles said she would. WOW! What a job she and her volunteers have done.

Finally, we have Jennifer Shaw as our Executive Director, keeping things running smoothly. Just ask her to do something and consider it done. Thank you for your support and keeping me on track this past year.

Please don't be offended if I didn't mention your name. It takes all of us to have a successful chamber. It has been a fun year that has gone by very fast. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president this past year.

Jim Lonneker, President
Arlington-Smokey Point Chamber of Commerce



JANUARY GENERAL LUNCHEON

Join us Tuesday, January 13th at 12 p.m. at the Medallion Hotel
(formally known as the Hawthorne Suites) for a safety preparedness presentation.

***\$15.00 with reservation by Thursday, January 8th.
\$20.00 after Thursday, January 8th or without reservation.***

Please contact the Chamber by Thursday, January 8th if you would like to sponsor a raffle item or host a SHOWBOAT table (see page 5 for more details). We would like the opportunity to thank you on our meeting agenda and allow time for your commercial at the luncheon.

Thank you to Leona Berg of Costco, Renae James of Hometown Values, Lisa Payne of The Everett Herald, Dennis Haddock of Lakewood School District, and Beth Jarvis of Mountain Crest Credit Union for our wonderful door prize donations; and thank you to Smokey Point Buick Pontiac GMC for hosting a showboat table at the December Luncheon!

ARE YOU IN THE KNOW ?

SPEAK UP ABOUT THE SNOW

Emergency Management is collecting information to help determine the need for FEMA and Small Business Association after the nasty weather we have been having. The reports may be faxed to (425) 423-9152, emailed to DEM@snoco.org, or called in to DEM at (425) 388-5060 during normal office hours.

We are also looking for business, farm or residential damages. If anyone has sustained any please forward me the following information:

- Equipment number/type (don't forget "utility" damages count as well)
- Business name (if applicable) and phone number (so I can follow up with them if FEMA comes in)
- Address if known (property – business, rental, residential)
- Description of damage and the when/where/how damage occurred
- Damage Category:
 - o Destroyed – total loss, permanently uninhabitable
 - o Major – significant or structural damage greater than 50% of value, uninhabitable
 - o Minor – Conditional use, repairable in less than 30 days, few \$1000's for repairs
 - o Affected – Living space damages, but still habitable
- Estimated cost of damage and/or replacement

NEW MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

BECU
Kay Lynn Hauck, Branch Manager
16822 Twin Lakes AVE
Marysville, WA 98271
800-233-2328
www.becu.org

Northwest Children's School
Kathleen Ruesken
3833 168th St NE
Arlington, WA 98223
360-653-4550
www.nwchildrenschool.com

BAJIO Mexican Grill
Steve and Jolene Bartek
Phone 425-263-7535 Cell
Store Phone 360-652-3800
Email: jolenebartek@gmail.com
www.bajiomexicangrill.com

Kay Lynn has been with BECU since 1996 in various branches and positions. She has been in her current management position for 4 years, and the Smokey Point branch has been open since December of 2007. The part Kay Lynn enjoys the most about working for BECU is the fact that Credit Unions exist to help people, not make a profit. In fact the credit union motto is "People Helping People". The goal of BECU is to serve all members well and in turn, members are loyal for this reason. Members know their credit union will be there for them in bad times, as well as good. Credit Unions assist members to become better educated consumers of financial services. BECU offers free financial counseling and education programs to their members and within the community. "Knowing I am doing something good and providing a service to people each and every day, gives me a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment". Check out BECU on YOUR Arlington-Smokey Point Chamber website to see what "HOT DEAL" BECU is offering to fellow chamber members.

This is Kathleen's fifth year owning NW Children's School which has been around for 25 years. "There are so many things I love about the school," shares Kathleen, "but the best is watching the children grow in so many different areas while they are here. Their parents get so excited to see their children having fun learning and meeting so many friends. I guess my specialty is making sure that children and their parents get the best that we have to offer for them. I try and make sure that every child is made to feel welcome, safe and very special". "We offer a 10 percent discount for our military families. I made the decision to join the chamber because I thought it would be a good way to meet other business owners and share my thoughts on how important it is to support each other during these difficult financial times. I believe that preschool and pre-k set the stage for a positive, fun academic and social base for children. We offer so many different learning styles so we can reach every child in a loving, positive way.

Bajio Mexican Grill is a new franchise that will be opening in early February. It is located at the Lakewood shopping center in Smokey Point. The Bajio region in Mexico is known for its lush farmland and three passions: celebration, conversation and cuisine. Bajio Mexican Grill is a fast growing brand that's known for its flavorful, healthier, and made-your-way Mexican food. Steve and Jolene will be hosting a "Friends and Family" night upon opening in the first part of February. After 30 years of living in Alaska, Steve retired in July and they decided to move to Washington to be closer to family and also start a business of their own. Jolene is working part-time as a nurse at Providence Everett Hospital and spends her free time working with Steve on developing their business. Steve and Jolene enjoy living in the community and are looking forward to providing everyone with fresh, healthy, high quality food.



ARE YOU IN THE KNOW?

ARLINGTON SCHOOL NEWS



Weston High School **One of the TOP 10 Performing Alternative Schools**

Arlington—Weston High School was recently identified as one of the top 10 Highest Performing Alternative Schools in Washington State by the BERG Group.

OSPI commissioned the study to examine the secondary alternative education programs across Washington. Out of 242 alternative secondary schools, 100 schools were studied in areas including WASL Scores, Graduation Rates, and Teacher Qualifications. BERG also conducted site visits and interviewed students and staff.

The study states “Among other things, the study explored program and instructional models utilized by the highest performing alternative schools. Most are small and they are personalized and often enhance personalization and community identity. Staff believe in the importance of working with the whole student in building student ownership of learning.”

Arlington Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Kristine McDuffy comments, “Weston being recognized as one of the Top Performing Alternative School in Washington is quite an honor! This research firm is very thorough and very well respected. We applaud the efforts of our students and staff and look forward to building upon this success.”



WHIDBEY ISLAND BANK SMOKEY POINT BRANCH

Whidbey Island Bank has opened their new Smokey Point branch this month. The address for their new branch is 4220 172nd St NE Arlington, WA 98223.

The Arlington branch at Haggen’s last day of business will be Friday January 30th. At that time all accounts and staff will transfer to the new Smokey Point location.

LAKWOOD SCHOOL NEWS

Lakewood School District Improvement Plan *“In Partnership for Quality Education”*

Mission

Lakewood School District (LWSD), in partnership with students, staff, parents, and community provides a quality education in safe, positive, efficiently managed schools where students are empowered to become life-long learners and productive responsible citizens.

Student Achievement

All LWSD students meet or exceed standards. Every LWSD student will graduate with the skills and knowledge to be successful adults. LWSD staff are dedicated to powerful, intentional instructional strategies using research to continue to refine teaching and learning.

Technology

Technology is integrated at all levels of the LWSD.

Fiscal Responsibility

LWSD exercises wise, responsible, and effective use of resources.

Facilities

LWSD will provide modern, functional facilities that meet the needs of students, staff, and community.

Climate and Culture

LWSD is an inspiring place to teach, work, and learn. Parents/guardians and community in partnership with LWSD will accept joint responsibility for all children’s formal learning. LWSD students are prepared to be successful in the next stages of their lives.

THIRD TIME’S A CHARM FOR THE FLY IN & ABA TOP 100 LIST

The Arlington Fly-In, the area's largest aviation fest, show and conference has been chosen for the third straight year as one of the American Bus Association's "Top 100 Events in North America". A panel of ABA-member bus and tour operators selected this popular event from hundreds of entries nominated by state/provincial tourism offices and local and regional convention and visitors bureaus. "It is really an honor," said Fly-In Executive Director Barbara Tolbert, "to be included with so many top notch events around the U.S. and Canada. It is a real privilege to make this list three years in a row and to represent the great state of Washington!" The Fly-In is the only Washington State event making the Top 100 list for 2008 and 2009. The winners were published in September in a special supplement to "Destinations," ABA's award winning magazine and publicized through an AMA press release to North American media.

CHAMBER INFORMATION



YOUR Chamber is requesting the annual "Call for Art". As there is much talent in this area, the board has again chose to tap into that talent by requesting anyone over the age of 16 to submit a sketch, painting or photograph of something that embodies the spirit of Arlington. This could be any location or detail of this area. Carey Waterworth won our "Call for Art" for 2008, including an annual membership with YOUR Chamber, and produced a wonderful piece of art for our community to enjoy. The deadline for this contest will be Friday, February 27th. The winner will be announced at the Annual Chamber Auction in March and will have their submission serve as the 2008 directory cover. Get your creative juices flowing. Who knows, the winner ...just...might... be ... **YOU!**

JANUARY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

January Business After Hour Event
to be announced...

Now excepting reservations
for the 2009

Business After Hours

Calendar

Contact YOUR Chamber today!!!

MEET OUR MEMBERS

The Chamber office is gearing up for membership renewals and the 2009 telephone directory. Check your mail boxes for the information packet that is being sent to you from the chamber. Please take a moment to review the packet, which will contain further details regarding your membership renewal process and directory information. In addition, this will be e-mailed to you for your convenience. And as always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact YOUR Arlington-Smokey Point Chamber of Commerce office.

*Thank you for your support and
payment for yearly membership!*

AUCTION UPDATE

AUCTION & DINNER
IS COMING IN MARCH!

Please contact Julie Morse at 360-653-1900 with any items or services donations you would like to give from your business. She will supply you with the procurements form. The auction is a great way to advertise and a great way to give back to your community!



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

DON'T MISS THIS!!

January~

- 13th — General Membership Meeting 12:00 noon
Medallion Hotel
(formally known as the Hawthorn Suites)
- TBA — Business After Hours 5 p.m.— 7 p.m.
- TBA — Government Affairs Committee Meeting 5 p.m.
Chamber Board Room
- TBA — Program Meeting
Chamber Board Room
- TBA — Membership Committee Meeting
Chamber Board Room
- TBA — Communications Committee Meeting
Chamber Board Room
- 21th — Finance Committee Meeting 7:45 a.m.
Chamber Board Room
- 27th — Board Meeting 7:45 a.m.
Chamber Board Room
- 27th — Ambassadors Meeting 9 a.m..
Chamber Board Room

Call the Chamber office for more information on our NEW Ambassadors Committee or any

FIND YOUR SELF IN THE SPOT LIGHT



Did you notice the **SHOWBOAT** table at December's luncheon hosted by Smokey Point Buick Pontiac GMC? Well, your business could be the next one to stand in the spotlight.

By hosting a showboat table a monthly luncheon, your business gets to stand out with visuals that can include displayed products, samples, pictures... Include any information about your company you would like.

Along with hosting a showboat table, you are offered the opportunity to present a 60 second commercial. Bring brochures and business cards so members and guests can ask more questions afterwards!

If you are interested in hosting a showboat table, the price is only \$25! Please contact the Chamber by the Thursday prior to each luncheon so we can insure we have space to put your business in the spotlight!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

January~

- 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
- Library Bond Meeting, Local Scoop Restaurant
6:00 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/>



IS COMING TO SEATTLE!

America's Got Talent is holding open casting calls in more cities this year than ever before. Seattle is one of those cities. If you have a hidden talent or know some one who does, don't miss this opportunity to be apart of one of the hottest talent competitions in America. For exact dates, times and locations of the casting calls, please visit http://www.nbc.com/Americas_Got_Talent/



OUTLOOK NEWSLETTER

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**SUPPORT CHAMBER MEMBERS BY
SHOPPING LOCALLY.**

PLEASE WELCOME YOUR NEW ASPCOC BOARD OF OFFICERS!

Past President:	Jim Lonneker	Exp. 2010
President:	Paul Graves	Exp. 2010
Vice President:	Julie Morse	Exp. 2010
Secretary:	Jesica Stickle	Exp. 2010
Treasurer:	Simona DeVries	Exp. 2010

Class of 2009:	1 year term.
Director #1	Barbara Tolbert-Arlington Fly-in
Director #2	Rick O'Brien-Olympic Security Systems
Director #3	Deb Borgens-Arlington School District
Director #4	Heather Logan-Cascade Valley Hospital

Class of 2010:	2 year term.
Director #1	Dennis Haddock-Lakewood School Dist.
Director #2	Marv Monty-Edward Jones
Director #3	Norma Jean Syrie-Olympic Escrow

Class of 2011:	3 year term.
Director #1	Katie Stevens—Aflac
Director #2	Renae James—Hometown Values
Director #3	David Mathieson—State Farm Insurance
Director #4	Steve Griffith—Arlington Appraisal Service

