

# South Sound

CHAMBER CONNECTIONS



# THOUGHTS FROM THE CEO

*You asked.  
We listened!*



Rebecca Martin, CCE, IOM  
Greater Federal Way Chamber CEO

Healthcare costs impact your bottom line. The Greater Federal Way Chamber has partnered with Lifestyle Health Plans to offer a cost saving, comprehensive and affordable healthcare solution for our members.

With the new benefit plan, Chamber members could see an immediate savings in their healthcare costs. Because the plan offers affordable coverage, proactive cost containment and employee wellness features, companies can save money on healthcare costs while maximizing benefits for their employees.

Pacific Northwest Benefits, an approved vendor of the Chamber and will be contacting you on our behalf, beginning in October. Our Pacific Northwest Benefits representatives are **Jason Brown, Jervante Wilson, Shauna Young** and **Leslie Neumeyer**. To schedule a meeting, call **Jason Brown directly at (253) 970-1718, or email [jbrown@pacificnwbenefits.com](mailto:jbrown@pacificnwbenefits.com)**.

An exclusive benefit available only to member businesses through the Greater Federal Way Chamber, the Lifestyle Health Plan includes:

- Flexible, level-funded medical plans
- Options for bundles dental and vision options
- Integrated wellness with deductible credits and cash rewards
- Premium savings of 5-20% from traditional plan designs
- Value-added benefits to save out-of-pocket
- Association-negotiated economies of scale pricing
- Exceptional, personalized customer service for all our members

Take advantage of this unique member opportunity for deep discounts, deductible carry over, and immediate enrollment in the Chamber healthcare plan!



*\*Cover photo taken in the garden at Cedar Brook Lodge.*

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Gala and Impact Awards:

# CELEBRATE 65 YEARS OF BUSINESS



The Chamber will celebrate 65 years of doing business in the state of Washington at its annual Gala on November 3, from 6:30-10 p.m., at the Washington History Museum. As part of this blue sapphire anniversary, the Chamber will honor three businesses with the 2018 Impact Awards.

“Each year, the Chamber recognizes business and community leadership that supports economic growth,” said CEO Rebecca Martin, CCE. “As we celebrate 65 years of supporting business prosperity, our Impact Award recipients illustrate

our business legacy, regional connections, and unique economic development in the Federal Way area.”

The 2018 Impact Award recipients: Abbe Vineyards & Winery will receive the Business Impact Award, The Historical Society of Federal Way will receive the Community Impact Award, and Highline College will receive the Regional Impact Award.

***“Chamber businesses are setting the pace for economic success,” said Board Vice Chair Robin Corak, CEO, Multi-Service Center. “Our annual Gala celebrates the vision we all share for a strong, innovative and regionally-connected community.”***

The Business Impact Award recognizes leadership in providing unique opportunities for business growth through economic initiatives, participation in community and business projects, and a commitment to enhancing economic growth in the region.

“It’s a pleasure to be recognized by the Chamber for our efforts in bringing this new industry to Federal Way,” said owner Guna Kleper. “Because the vineyards are also a scenic location for wine tasting, we are working to make Federal Way a welcoming place for visitors and residents alike.”

The Community Impact Award recognizes leadership which serves as a model of inspiration in personal, professional and volunteer efforts; a track-record of community enhancement through a project or business concern designed to make a difference; and service to the community beyond that for which compensation is received.

“We are honored to receive the Community Impact Award, particularly because the Society is celebrating its 30-year anniversary this year,” says Jerry Knutzen, Board Chair, Historical Society of Federal Way. “The Society is committed to encouraging appreciation and advancing the historical legacy of our community.”

The Regional Impact Award recognizes leadership in economic development initiatives of the region; a focus on collegially inclusive approach to new and existing business opportunities within our regional corridor; and a commitment to enhancing the economic prosperity of the region.

“As a public institution of higher education, we are extremely pleased to receive the Regional Impact Award,” said Dr. John Mosby, President, Highline College. “Like the Chamber, we serve a diverse community and Highline is committed to preparing students for success in a multicultural world and global economy.”

In addition to the Impact Awards, JR Computax will receive the 2018 President’s Award. The Award honors the special commitment of a member business, often working behind the scenes, to volunteer time, services, equipment, and other support which helps to sustain the Chamber’s overall program of work.

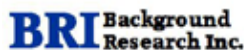
“Our business, like many others in the region, grows when there are strong community partnerships in place to support economic success,” says JR Computax President Jeannette Ramirez. “We’re sincerely honored to know the Chamber has placed confidence in our services and our business.”

***The Chamber Gala is open to the community and will be held at the Washington History Museum, on November 3, from 6:30-10 p.m. Tickets are available online at [federalwaychamber.com](http://federalwaychamber.com). For sponsorship and program advertising, call the Chamber (253) 838-2605.***

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### 20+ years

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### 15 - 19 years

Garden Terrace Healthcare Center  
of Federal Way

### 10 - 14 years

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Biscuits  
Coldwell Banker Commercial Danforth

Federal Way Farmers Market, Inc.  
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Helix Design Group  
McDonald's

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Mitchell Place Senior Apartments  
The UPS Store

## 5 - 9 years

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***New Members and Renewals from June 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018  
Find our members in the online directory at [federalwaychamber.com](http://federalwaychamber.com).***

# MEMBERS *Makin'* IT HAPPEN



**CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP IS DEFINITELY A GREAT BUSINESS ASSET. BUT TO ME, THE BENEFIT IS GREATER THAN THE NUMBERS. IT'S THE PEOPLE, BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS, AND OUR STRONG COMMUNITY. WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER, "TAKING THE FEDERAL WAY!"**

- Cindy Ducich, Federal Way Mirror & Chamber Ambassador

# Light rail is coming to the SOUTH SOUND

Sound Transit’s regional light rail system is extending from Seattle to Tacoma. The 9.7-mile Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE) will connect the Federal Way Transit Center to the Tacoma Dome and will feature four new light rail stations: South Federal Way, Fife, East Tacoma, and Tacoma Dome. This follows the Federal Way Link Extension that begins construction next year to connect Angle Lake to the Federal Way Transit Center by 2024.

A station in South Federal Way is a new opportunity for Federal Way’s growing population. The Federal Way Chamber of Commerce is deeply involved in TDLE, President and CEO Rebecca Martin, CCE sits on the project’s Stakeholder Group. Recently, Sound Transit briefed the Chamber Board about the project status for feedback on how initial routes and stations were coming together.

Last spring, Sound Transit asked South Sound communities for both input on different route and station locations throughout the project corridor and locations for the new Operations & Maintenance Facility: South. Sound Transit listened and developed route and station alternatives based on this feedback.

For information and updates on the Tacoma Dome Link Extension visit [soundtransit.com/tacomadomelink](http://soundtransit.com/tacomadomelink).



## REASONS TO DONATE FOOD

- ✓ Feed hungry children and families in Federal Way
- ✓ Save money by throwing less food away
- ✓ Tax deductions
- ✓ Protected from liability

**Support & Supplies Provided**

City staff will work with you, connect you with a hunger-relief organization and provide the supplies and training needed.

**City of Federal Way Recycling**  
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# 2018 CHAMBER Gala & IMPACT AWARDS

*65 years  
of doing business  
in Washington!*

This annual signature event of the Greater Federal Way Chamber celebrates our network of business leadership with an elegant evening featuring fun, fellowship and the Impact Awards. The 2018 Chamber Gala is set for November 3, from 6:30 - 9 p.m., at the Washington State History Museum. The Gala is open to the community. Register online at [federalwaychamber.com/gala](http://federalwaychamber.com/gala). Cost is \$100 per person. Reserved seating available with table sponsorship.

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