

CHAMBER CHAT

June 2023

Summer Fun!

By Andy Mayer President/CEO

The Chamber has had a lot going on lately, including Mayor Boudreau's final State of the City Address, the Skagit Chamber Alliance Legislative Roundup, and the AWB Washington in the Making 2040 Town Hall, just in the last 10 days. They have been excellent events that have helped us understand where our city and state have been to help us define a shared vision for the future. Those efforts and all our programs to support your business will continue through the summer. But...

It's time to have some fun! We earned it by making it through our soggy winter and spring. First is our Riverwalk Summer Concert Series, featuring a mix of returning groups and some great new ones: July 13: The Atlantics, July 20 – The Enthusiasts, July 27 – Levi Ware, August 3 – Fantasy Band, August 10 – Eden, August 17 – Pacific Twang, August 24 – Chris Eger Band and the Powerhouse Horns, August 31 – Mama Dirty Skirt. The concerts are on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m., on a beautiful setting by the river, and free thanks to our sponsors! There are a few sponsor opportunities available. Please talk to Jeremy if you're interested.

Rounding out our Summer is the Battle of the Bridge Golf Tournament on August 25, at Avalon Golf Links. I need your help in ensuring that the trophy remains in its rightful home at our Chamber! Please put your teams together and send in your registrations. Sponsorships are also available.

I hope you have a prosperous and fun summer and I look forward to seeing you out and about!



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Battle of the Bridge Golf Tournament August 25



It's time to fine tune your golf game, or at least dust off your clubs, for the fifth annual Battle of the Bridge Golf Tournament, pitting the Mount Vernon and Burlington chambers against each other for bragging rights and a nice trophy!

The 2023 tournament takes place Friday, August 25, at the Avalon Golf Links, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Sign up a four-player team for \$700 or as a single player for \$175. Registration includes green fees, a golf cart, lunch from Applebee's, dinner from Avalon Golf Links, and a whole lot of fun! Find the registration sheet on page 9 of this newsletter.

We have limited sponsorship opportunities available below. Contact Jeremy Kindlund, Operations Director with any questions at 360- 428-8547 or Jeremy@MountVernonChamber.com.

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Set up a tent at the hole of your choice (based on availability)

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Calendar of Events

Multi-Chamber After Hours at Community Action of Skagit County

Thursday, June 8
5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
330 Pacific Pl
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Women in Male-Dominated Industries – A “Speaking of Women” event. Part 2/3

Wednesday June 14th
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Willowbrook Manor
27420 Minkler Rd. Sedro-Woolley
Currently accepting new program members
[Register here](#)

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Wednesday June 21
6:00 – 7:30 PM
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Ribbon Cutting at Skagit Symphony

Thursday, June 22
4 p.m.
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Membership Luncheon - Build a Better Business Story

Wednesday, June 28
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Hillcrest Lodge
1717 S 13th St
Mount Vernon
[Register here](#)



Ribbon Cutting at The Skagit Table

Friday, June 30
3 p.m.
225 1st St
Mount Vernon

Members Reveal Positive Return on Investment



I have been with WaFd Bank for almost 8 years. I have always enjoyed going to the luncheons and meeting new people. Within the last year I have become a Chamber Ambassador and It has been an amazing experience so far. The people you meet at the chamber are friendly and very resourceful. These people have made the chamber a wonderful place to feel welcomed and accepted. It's a great place to start your business with networking with like-minded people. I look forward to my future with the Chamber.

Jaime Huss
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Speaking of Women is Back in June



As part of the Speaking of Women Series, the Mount Vernon Chamber is hosting a panel where panelists Nikki Wegner- Chinook Enterprises, Amelia Cook – Goodwinds Composites and Guillermina Gonzalez – Gonzalez Gigi’s Lawn Care will share the challenges they faced in male-dominated industries and how women can make their voices heard and turn the gender imbalances around in the workplace.

We invite women entrepreneurs and business representatives to join us at this presentation created to inform, motivate and empower. Those who enrolled in the 3-event program in March are able to register for this presentation without additional investment. Those who were not able to join us at Speaking of Women event in March, are still on time to join the program and have access to the two remaining events this year including Women in Male-Dominated Industries on June 14 and Successful Entrepreneurship by Women on September 13.

For information about the Speaking of Women Series, please contact Business Development and Foundation Director Silvia Reed at Silvia@MountVernonChamber.com or (360) 395-2944.

Registration page: <https://tinyurl.com/bdvv3upr>

Event video: https://fb.watch/kZUTiV_YzT/

Facebook event page: <https://fb.me/e/4pNVzPGtX>

Women in Male Dominated Industries
A "Speaking of Women" Event

WILLOWBROOK COMPANY
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Homeless in Horwath

MOUNT VERNON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Wednesday June 14
4:30 - 6:00 PM
Willowbrook Manor

Women in Male Dominated Industries
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MOUNT VERNON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Conversation with Willowbrook Owner, Terry Gifford

Wednesday June 14
4:30 - 6:00 PM
Willowbrook Manor
27420 Minkler Rd. Sedro-Woolley
www.MountVernonChamber.com

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Member Announcements

Tulalip Tribes grant of \$20,000 will fund Skagit Valley College's athletics, First Nations Club, and powwow

Skagit Valley College has received a \$20,000 grant from the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund to support athletic scholarships and teams, the college's First Nations Club, and the annual powwow.

The grant aims to build a stronger relationship between the Tulalip Tribes and SVC and to provide opportunities for Native American students.

Port of Skagit Awarded \$8-million Grant for Broadband Construction in Bow

The Port of Skagit will receive \$8-million in grant funding from the Washington State Broadband Office to build broadband infrastructure in the under-served rural area near Bow.

The WSBO grant was announced this week, supporting the ongoing rural broadband infrastructure deployment work led by SkagitNet, an entity jointly operated by the Port of Skagit and Skagit PUD.

North Coast Credit Union CEO Marilyn Brink retiring at end of 2023

Marilyn Brink, president and CEO of North Coast Credit Union since 2017, recently announced she will be retiring at the end of 2023.

Brink, who started at North Coast in 2002, made the announcement at North Coast's annual meeting May 24.



Tune In
Chamber Chat
Wednesday Mornings

The New **102.1 KAPS** Country
8:05 a.m.

KBRC CLASSIC ROCK
102.9 FM - 1970s
8:20 a.m.

For more member announcements, visit
mountvernonchamber.com/member-announcements

Send your announcements to
Jeremy@MountVernonChamber.com

May in Pictures



Ambassador Meeting at Sabores Catering



Latino Business Leaders Program



Ribbon Cutting at Made and Found Market



Ribbon Cutting at Skagit Thermography



Ribbon Cutting at Blue Taco - Lyman



Skagit Chamber Alliance Roundtable Discussion

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- Camp Korey
- Betsy Anorbe**
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Chamber Connections Referral Groups invites you to join

Evening Group

The Mount Vernon Chamber Connections Program recently launched its new evening group with meetings the first and third Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM. Industries already represented are real estate, real estate investment, mortgage lending, business consulting – strategic planning and business consulting – organizational management, financial and investment services and reverse mortgage. The group is looking to expand and is inviting chamber members who are looking for additional ways to build strategic partnerships.

If your industry is not yet represented in this group and you would like to make a positive impact on your business; we invite you to consider attending one of the evening meetings and potentially join the group.

Afternoon Group

The Chamber Connections Afternoon group is hosting an open house hosted by group member La Peruanita – Peruvian Street Food. The Open House will take place on Thursday July 13 at 1:00 PM at Abel Lodge Sons of Norway # 29 in Conway where participants will be able to enjoy an afternoon of camaraderie in the 1930 Sons of Norway Lodge. Admission will be paid directly to La Peruanita to cover the cost of food. Regular group meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM. The second Thursday the group meets at Il Granaio in Mount Vernon and the fourth Thursday meetings are held via zoom.

Industries already represented in this group are marketing consulting, insurance services, general contractors, food/concessions, printers, commercial lending, roof installation and mortgage companies. For information about Chamber Connections, attend as a guest or join the group of your choice please contact Business Development and Foundation Director Silvia Reed – Silvia@MountVernonChamber.com



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Battle of the Bridge Golf Tournament

Avalon Golf Links

19345 Kelleher Rd Burlington

Friday, August 25

Shotgun start at 1pm

Battle of the Bridge Golf Tournament benefits the Burlington Chamber of Commerce and the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce Foundation and Experience Work Project. Tournament format will be a four-man scramble. Registration includes a golf cart, lunch from Applebee's, dinner from Avalon Golf Links and a goodie bag.

\$20 bundle package available that includes: 5 raffle tickets, 2 mulligans and a "Hit the Skagit Casino Resort Sign" drawing.

Registration

Team of Four (\$700)

Single Player (\$175)

Includes company logo on the golf cart

Team Name: _____

Player 1 (Contact): _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

Which team are you playing for?

Burlington Chamber of Commerce

Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce

Contact Information

Phone: _____

Email: _____

For more information, contact Jeremy Kindlund at (360) 428-8547, Jeremy@MountVernonChamber.com or Emily Johnson, (360) 757-0994, Emily@Burlington-Chamber.com

WOMEN IN MALE DOMINATED INDUSTRIES



A "SPEAKING OF WOMEN" EVENT. PART 2/3



PANELIST

Nikki Wegner
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Wednesday June 14

4:30 - 6:00 PM

Willowbrook Manor

27420 Minkler Rd, Sedro-Woolley

Members: \$150.00

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PANELIST

Amelia Cook
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PANELIST

Guillermina Gonzalez
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June 14: Women in male-dominated industries | Sept. 13: Successful entrepreneurship by women

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SPEAKING OF WOMEN

2023 SERIES

THE POWER OF THE PACK
MARCH 8 | 4:30 - 6:00 PM

WOMEN IN MALE-DOMINATED INDUSTRIES
JUNE 14 | 4:30 - 6:00 PM

SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSES BY WOMEN
SEPT. 13 | 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Various locations

WHY JOIN?

- Attend quarterly presentations that inspire and empower women
- Experience a sense of belonging in a welcoming environment
- Expand your professional network with like-minded women

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July 22-27, 2023

(Sat-Thur)



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(Sherman Anderson Ball Park)



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(Burlington-Edison High School)



Opening Ceremonies

July 21st

(Fri) 5:00 PM

Teams, guests and media arrive to
Sherman Anderson Ballpark for
BBQ and festivities!



May 30, 2023

Baseball Fans,

We are very pleased to announce that the Mount Vernon Riverdogs and the Burlington Sox will be hosting the 2023 “AA” State Tournament. Sixteen (16) elite teams will arrive into Mount Vernon and Burlington on Friday, July 21st. The tournament begins on Saturday, July 22nd and will run through July 27th.

Baseball communities will agree that hosting, organizing and financing marquee tournaments such as the ALB “AA” State Tournament takes on great risk. The income derived from concessions and gate admissions will not cover the cost of the tournament banquet, tournament media guides, advertising, field usage, baseballs, umpiring fee’s and maintenance fee’s. The tournament committee along with many volunteers help to off-set costs but we still need your help.

Nationally, about 3500 ALB teams compete across the country each year. Washington State American Legion Baseball registers approximately 80 teams each year.

The 2023 “AA” State Tournament will mark the eighth time in Washington State history that this prestigious tournament will take place in ALB Area 1. Consequently, we are asking for your support to assist us in our efforts to raise the funds needed to successfully organize and finance this wonderful tournament.

Please review the list of potential sponsorships, advertisements and donations that we are kindly asking you to consider. Advertisers and Sponsors will be listed and recognized in the “2023 Souvenir Media Guide”. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bill Calkins (360) 391-3438 or Eric Stalcup (360) 420-1089.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Advertiser’s, sponsor’s and donor’s that support us with a \$100 donation and above will receive a VIP Family Pass to the tournament and tickets to the BBQ kickoff dinner on Friday July 21st.

On behalf of the coaches and players who will be participating in the 2023 ALB “AA” State Tournament, thank you for your consideration and financial support.

Sincerely,

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