



# Your Bay Area Business Connection

## 25th Anniversary

### 1980-2005

Chamber of Commerce [www.oregonsbayareachamber.com](http://www.oregonsbayareachamber.com). March 2005

#### WELCOME NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS January 26 - February 21

##### Beauty and the Beast Antiques

**Renee Majeski**  
615 Virginia Ave.  
North Bend, OR 97459  
756-3670

E-mail: [antiques@uci.net](mailto:antiques@uci.net)  
"The Area's Largest Antique Shop". Serving the Bay Area for 20 years. Offering unique, affordable collectibles and antiques. Furniture, clocks, art, pottery, glassware, jewelry, vintage clothing and much more. Open every day for your shopping convenience. Visit the website for monthly specials and in-store coupons.

##### Ray Ronk

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(541) 756-4106  
Personal Membership

##### Stephanie Soares Pump

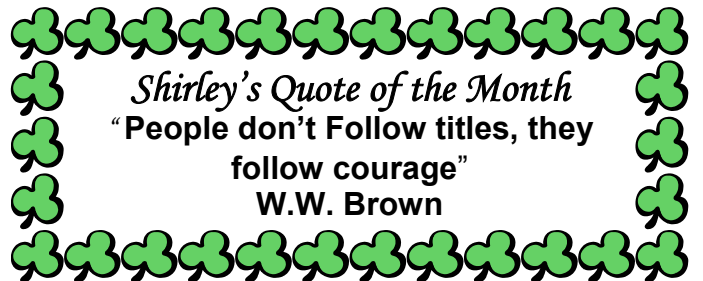
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Consulting for substance abuse prevention in the workplace and community organizations. Organizational development and board development and training.

#### (Chamber) Member Buy (Chamber) Member

In the coming weeks we will be sending out information to our members about this program. For member businesses we hope to generate even more business, for members as a whole, you will be able to take advantage of discounts at your favorite stores. This should encourage members to shop locally and at Chamber Member businesses. Each member and their employees will have a chamber member card. Each member business will have the opportunity to list their business with a special offer to "Members Only". The offers will be listed in the newsletter and online and can be changed monthly. Call the Chamber or email: [liberant@uci.net](mailto:liberant@uci.net) for more information. **Support Yourself, Shop Chamber!!**

One fine day one old bull and one young bull were grazing their way up a hill. When they reached the top and gazed down into the valley they found the valley filled with young attractive lady cows. The young bull replied "Let's run down and smooch one!" The old bull replied "Let's walk down and smooch them all." Energy plus Experience is what we need to move forward. We need to come together under the same tent; pool our resources and use our talent to meet our common challenges. The Chamber can be that tent. The mission of this Chamber is to sustain and retain existing businesses and attract new business. To do this we must have a good business climate. To have a good business climate we must have a good people climate. We need to enhance, sustain and promote the natural beauty of our corner of the world. We need good schools. We need safe neighborhoods. We need responsive local and state government. We need good police and fire protection. We need to feed our souls with the Arts. All of these issues are on this Chamber's plate. If you are interested we need your energy. We have experience. Happy St. Patrick's Day. See you in the funny papers.  
Your President, *Dick Leshley*



**Business After Hours**  
Wednesday March 30th, at  
**The Timber Inn**  
with **Donis & Leo Frare.**  
**1001 N. Bayshore Coos Bay.**

From 5-7 pm, come and enjoy great food and refreshments and network with your fellow chamber members.



**The Bay Area Chamber  
of Commerce**  
...organized to advance the  
prosperity of Oregon's Bay Area

24 hour info kiosk outside Visitor Center located at  
50 Central, Coos Bay, OR  
phone: (541)269-0215 fax: 269-2861  
relocation & visitor info  
1-800-824-8486  
e-mail: bacc@uci.net

**www.oregonsbayareachamber.com**

**Visitor Center Office Hours**

9am-5pm Monday-Friday  
10am-4pm Saturdays  
Noon - 4pm Sundays

**The Chamber Business Offices are located at**  
145 Central, Coos Bay OR 97420  
phone: (541) 266-0868 liberant@uci.net

**2005 Chamber Officials**

President  
Dick Leshley, *Yellow Cab Taxi*  
President Elect  
Jenny Bream, *Brian Bream Screw Machines*  
Vice Presidents  
Eileen Ophus, *CCD Business Development Corp.*  
Johanna Dillard, *Coastal Paper & Supply*  
Immediate Past President  
John Pundt, *Bicoastal Media*  
Secretary  
Barbara Gunnell, *Community Financial Services*  
Treasurer  
Chris Christoffer, *Sterling Savings Bank*  
**Directors**  
Bonnie Barron, *Bay Area Hospital*  
Raye Gieseke, *Pony Village Mall*  
Marty Giles, *Wavecrest Discoveries*  
Todd Goergen, *Arctic Ice*  
Michael Gordon, *CPA, LLC*  
Kristin Hoefler, *Black Market Gourmet*  
Joy McCarthy, *South Coast Business Employment*  
Renee Middleton, *US Bank*  
Beve Saukko, *Miss Coos County Scholarship*  
Tom Scheideman, *Weyerhaeuser Paper Company*  
Timm Slater, *Weyerhaeuser Timberlands*  
Greg Stevens, *The World Newspaper*  
Brandy Thompson, *Cardinal Employment Services*  
Sherry Yarbrough, *Umpqua Bank*  
**Ex Officio**  
Scott McClure, *City of Coos Bay*  
Jan Willis, *City of North Bend*  
**Community At-Large Directors**  
Ron Opitz, *South Coast Development Council*  
Martin Callery, *Oregon International Port of CB*  
Rob Schab, *Coos Bay/North Bend Water Board*  
Angela Jacobson, *Pacific Power*  
**Ambassadors** Joy McCarthy, *South Coast Business Employment Corporation*  
**Staff**  
Shirley Liberante, *Executive Director*  
Connie Davis, *Office Manager/Leadership Coos*  
Cheryl Crockett, *Visitor Services Coordinator*  
Sarah Baker, *Administrative Assistant*  
Charlie Weeks, *Information Delivery*  
John Whitty, *Legal Advisor*  
**Visitor Center Volunteers**  
Jay Anderson, Mariam Angell, Carol Armacost, Doug Beath, Linda Berney, Connie Boddie, Owen Crockett, Deloras Durlinger, Kathy Fisher, George Gebhardt, Kay Groth, Marlis Houghton, Dorothy Irvin, Val & Mel Jones, Bob Kerr, Sharon Larcom, Jean Lindholm, Verena Matthews, Bob & Dorothy Miller, Harold Ramer, Dan Randall, Carol Ann Seven, Martha Springer, Janice Webb, Charlie & Colleen Weeks



On March 1st, **Books By The Bay** turned 10! It's amazing to think that they started in downtown Coos Bay, across from where the Chamber is located now - in fact the sign still has a faded Books By The Bay logo on it - in a 1,000 square foot space and now they are in downtown North Bend in a 4,000 + square foot former bank with a coffeehouse! Books By The Bay is located at 1875 Sherman Avenue, historic downtown North Bend.

According to Trish Hermann, owner, "Over the years so much has changed. Harry Potter didn't exist, political books weren't popular, and at anytime you COULD go to the movie theater without seeing a movie based on a book. Paperbacks were about \$3.95 and hardbacks were around \$16.95.

Over the years I have raised my two children in the store, moved it over two miles in two days, and spent countless nights worrying about it. The store has grown too. Author events and book celebrations are common occurrence now (unlike the time when my parents had to drive over five hours to be there with best-selling author Phillip Margolin because I only had three people sign up to have dinner with him).

One thing that hasn't changed over the years. My customers!!! You are still ferocious readers, always eager for your favorite author's next work, always ready to discuss books and life with me. I thought about listing my top ten customers but I couldn't settle on a thousand much less ten!

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say "Thank you from the bottom of my heart!" To my wonderful customers, staff, and friends. Thank you also to the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. Not only have their volunteers sent numerous tourists to us, but the skills and business lessons I have learned while working there (from 1990-93) have really enhanced my business. The customer service practice and newsletter writing finesse that Crystal Shoji taught me have been invaluable. Shirley and her staff have gone out of their way many times in assisting me with different issues. "Thank you for supporting Books By The Bay!"



**It's The Place!**

**Coos Art Museum Introduces their 2005 Board of Directors!**

2005 officers and the board members were presented to general membership: President of the Board: Dr. Gerald Miller, Executive Director of Star of Hope. Vice President: Mr. Jim Davenport, Artist and Art Instructor. Recording Secretary: Ms. Rondi Potter, owner of Art Connection. Treasurer: Ms. Virginia Main, retired educator. Newly elected board members are: Emily Ashworth, artist, Linda Binder, owner Cedar Electric/Artist; Vesta Brownell, retired art therapist/artist; David Clardy, Vice President Umpqua Bank; Paula Dow, retired Oregon State employee/artist; Spence Erickson, retired Oregon State Employee/information technology consultant; Monita Johnson, former Principal of North Bend High School; Toni Poole, former vice president Umpqua Bank; Russ Porteuos, artist; Nola Potter, educational counselor/artist; Bob Renner, retired retail management/art collector and Dr. Lynda Shapiro- Professor, UOIMB.

# Spring Ahead With Positivity!

## Welcome Back Returning Members January – February 2005

ACS Call Center  
American Cancer Society  
Anderson, John E., Personal Membership  
Bay Area Enterprises, Inc.  
Bay Printers, Inc.  
Cedar Electric & Construction, Inc.  
Central Coast Publishing  
Coos Bay Timber Operators, Inc.  
Dedicated Fuels, Inc.-Newmark & Sheridan locations  
HGE Inc. Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, Planners  
Hough & MacAdam, LLC  
Lavoie, Andrea, Century 21 Best Realty Agent  
Les Schwab Tire Centers, Coos Bay & North Bend  
NW Natural  
On Broadway Thespians, Inc.  
Oregon Dunes KOA Kampground, Inc.  
Parker's ATV & Cycle  
PD Designs  
SHN Consulting Engineers & Geologists  
The Oregon Connection  
United Homecare Services  
West Coast Contractors, Inc.  
Wilcox, Steven & Nancy, Personal Membership  
Young's Investments

## Leadership Coos News

**Emergency Services and Communications** was the topic for the February session. Facilitators for the day were Brandy Thompson, Pam Plummer, Dudi Wittwer and Connie Davis. Thank you to Black Market Gourmet for catering lunch for the group, to Coos County ESD for providing the meeting room and coffee and to Laidlaw Transit for providing transportation.

Speakers were Coos County Sheriff Andy Jackson; Coos County Emergency Management, Glenda Hales; City of North Bend Police Chief, Steve Sciabelli; City of Coos Bay retired Police Chief Chuck Knight (standing in for current Chief Eura Washburn); Bay Cities Ambulance, Bruce Latta; Two City of Coos Bay Police K-9 units with commentary by J.R. Frost, trainer from Eugene; U.S. Coast Guard, Commander Bob Paulison; Coos County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, Kevin Hedgepeth; KDCQ Radio, Dale Nugen; KCBY-TV, Bob Whitsett; The World Newspaper, John Gunther and World staff members; Coos Bay Fire Station, LT. Dan McAvoy.



"The Lady Breaks Out of the Fog"  
by Frank Gaffney (www.frankgaffney.com)

## Tall Ships *Lady Washington & Lynx* to arrive in Oregon's Bay Area

The *Lady Washington & Lynx* are scheduled to arrive in Coos Bay on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm and plan to stay until Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. The ships will be closed to the public on Friday for School Programs until 4:00pm, and then will open for dock-side tours until 6:00pm. There will be dock-side tours on weekends from 10:00am to 1:00pm. There will be 2:00-5:00pm and 6:00-9:00pm Battle Reenactment Sails on Saturdays & Sundays. Space is limited and tours

fill up fast. Please call **1-800-200-LADY** to make your reservation early. Dockside tour prices are \$8 Family, \$4 Adults, \$2 Children 12 & under. Adventure Sail prices are \$45 Adults, \$35 Seniors 62 & older and Students 13-18, \$25 Children 12 & under. Battle Sail prices are \$50 Adults and \$30 Children. *Lady Washington* is Washington State's Tall Ship Ambassador. She is a full-scale replica of the first American vessel to explore the Pacific Northwest coast. She is a 112 foot square rigged Brig, built in 1989 by Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority. Built of old-growth Douglas fir, she is as close to the original as historical records and the Coast Guard regulations allow. *Lynx* is designed after the original Baltimore Clipper or privateer schooner used in the War of 1812 as a blockage runner and offensive weapon of war. She was among the first ships to defend American freedom. She is a 122 foot square topsail schooner and was built in 2001.



## Congratulations to Connie Davis!

Connie has been Office Manager for the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce since February 20th 1995.

Connie also leads the Leadership Coos Committee as their Coordinator. Over the years Connie has seen about 2 hundred participants graduate from that program.

Connie updates our enormous website and the Visitor Center Kiosk too. Give Connie a call or email and wish her a Happy Anniversary! Connie's email address is: [cdavis@uci.net](mailto:cdavis@uci.net)

Connie is very committed to the Chamber and it's members. We are fortunate to have her here.

**Congratulations Connie**

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*....organized to advance the prosperity of Oregon's Bay Area*

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**Did You Know!**

- **Kamelot Creations** makes gift baskets with massage oils, lotions, soaps, body scrubs and more. Home and office parties are being booked now. Schedule a party and the host receives one of these tropical treasures. Wholesale pricing to businesses available. Contact Susan at 266-0141 to set your time and location... Aloha!
- **Grants totaling more than \$400,000** - 37 Community Organizations Receive Funds. The Coquille Tribal Community Fund board of trustees announced that the fund is distributing over \$400,000 to 37 community organizations in four Southwest Oregon counties. The Coquille Indian Tribe established the community fund in 2001 as a way to share profits from The Mill Casino / Hotel with community organizations. Since its inception, the fund has distributed over \$835,000 to the region's charitable efforts.
- Congratulations to **Alan Hoffmeister, Bureau of Land Management**, on his new position with the Portland Forest Management Panel, and congratulations also to **Megan Slothower**, newly appointed **Public Affairs Officer for the Coos Bay District**.
- Be watching your mail for the Chamber's beautiful new **Community Profile/Business Directory** that will be coming out the first part of March. Many thanks to **R.C. Hall, of R.C. Hall Photography**, for providing all the wonderful photos! Each Chamber member will automatically be sent one copy of the publication. If you need more than one copy, please give us a call at 266-0868. Also included in the packet will be your new Chamber Member window decal. If you have an old decal on your window, please remove it and apply the new one.
- **There are a lot of things going on in March ---**  
Hauser Fire Department Spaghetti Feed  
17th Annual South Coast Dixieland Clambake Jazz Festival  
Dinner & Auction to benefit SMART (Start Making a Reader Today)  
28th Annual Dune Musher's Mail Run  
Great Oregon Spring Beach Cleanup & Whale Watching. Check the Chamber's Community Calendar for details on these events.  
[www.oregonsbayareachamber.com](http://www.oregonsbayareachamber.com)
- Upcoming IBO Luncheon Forums: March 16th—The World Newspaper, March 23rd—"Stop Mething around in Coos County, It's your Business", March 30th—Bob Braddock with the Liquid Natural Gas update, April 6th, Bonnie Chambers— "Determining your Colors", April 13th, Cardinal Employment Services—Changing with the times.