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Bay Area Connection

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MAY 2008



Ken Croes

President's Message

From the podium at each Chamber IBO, I've been promoting sponsorships for the upcoming Statewide Ambassadors & Greeters Convention. The Bay Area will host this convention October 2nd -5th. This is an opportunity for businesses like yours to direct dollars right into your coffers.

Who's coming? 200-300 Oregonians whom we know to be affluent, well-respected and influential in their respective communities. They are coming here specifically to immerse themselves in Bay Area hospitality. The very purpose of the Statewide Ambassadors & Greeters Convention is to provide the hosting community the opportunity to promote tourism and business expansion. Don't let this opportunity to be a major player in this effort pass you by!

There will be organized tours, banquets, shopping excursions, speeches, demonstrations, recreational activities and displays all designed to promote spending by these special visitors during that weekend and beyond. (And did I mention shopping excursions?) It's a way to encourage future investment in the Bay Area because these folks will return to their home towns with stories and souvenirs for friends, family, and business associates. Wouldn't it be grand if they talked about *your* business?

Contact Patti Denton, President of the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors at 269-0355 to sign up as a convention sponsor.

Do it today!

In The Spotlight



This month's "In the Spotlight" member is Dirt Diva Cleaning Services.

Started in 2003, Judith Johnson says her motivation for creating the business was born of a passion for making homes cozy and clean, and customers happy and

healthy. "We have a vision of bathrooms and kitchens sparkling, beds made, furniture polished, and gleaming floors" she says.

At Dirt Diva they believe that their clients' home or office should be cleaned to their highest expectations. Their mission is to provide their customers with exceptional professional service at affordable rates so

'ORIGIN' WRITER DIANA ABU-JABER DISCUSSES HER CRAFT IN COOS COUNTY

The Coos County Library Service District is encouraging everyone to read Diana Abu-Jaber's newest novel "Origin" in anticipation of her visit for the "Title Wave: Coos County Reads" program in Coos County, which is designed to get people throughout the county reading and connecting with each other around a great book.

Abu-Jaber, an author and teacher at Portland State University will be speaking about her works on May 3 in Coos Bay @ 2 and Bandon @ 7. She won the '04 PEN Center USA Award for Literary Fiction and the Before Columbus Foundation's American Book Award for her novel "Crescent,," which was named one of the 20 best novels of 2003 by the Christian Science Monitor. She also wrote "Arabian Jazz" which won the '94 OR Book Award and was nominated for the PEN/Faulkner Award.

they will not be overwhelmed with day to day household responsibilities.

Dirt Diva provides superior cleaning services for Coos County and surrounding residents and businesses. They use their own all natural, biodegradable, non-toxic cleaning products and scented linen waters. They are hoping to expand into Lane County by mid summer.



**DIRECTOR'S
QUOTE FOR THE
MONTH**

“Live your life in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip.”

Amanda King, Customer Service Representative Cardinal Services



Welcome New Members!

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HEAD FOR THE HARBOR!



The Charleston Visitors Center celebrates 22 years on May 1st and on Saturday May 3rd they invite you to come and take advantage of all Charleston has to offer. Spend the day enjoying the harbor, walking the docks, shopping for fresh fish & fishing supplies, or stretch your legs at Bastendorff Beach, the State Parks and the South Slough. The Charleston Merchants will feature specials all day and many will have booths outside with great buys and tasty food. And stop by the Visitors Center for refreshments.

Human Bean, Home Show & Lifestyle Center @ Inland Point Ribbon Cuttings



Cardinal's Newest Employee

Amanda King has joined the Cardinal team as their newest Customer Service Representative.

Amanda comes to Cardinal with a Diploma in Business Administration from Kentucky College of Business and an Asso-

ciates Degree in Business Management from National College of Business and Technology. She also brings eight years of experience in staff training and management.

Recently relocated from Kentucky, Amanda's experience and knowledge will be a great asset to the Cardinal team of customer service professionals.

5 TIPS FOR PLEASING CUSTOMERS

- Teach employees to answer the phone with smiles on their faces.
- Hire people who love people.
- Give employees leeway to meet customer needs
- Be sure employees have a thorough understanding of your products & services so they can answer customer questions.
- Require that employees speak clearly and slowly enough to be understood.

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Leadership Coos Out and About



Leadership Coos visits the Little Theater on the Bay.

The April session focused on “Living in the Bay Area” and included information on Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation. Facilitators for the day were Brandy Thompson, Barb Bauder, Gayla Oester, Donna Nichols, and John Lloyd.

The group began their day at The Pottery Co.

and learned more about our area from David Bridgman of the Coos Cultural Coalition and local musical events from Mike Gordon. Then on to the Coos Art Museum where Steven Brooks shared his passion for the arts and led the group on a tour of the Museum.

Next up Laidlaw Transit transported everyone to the Coos Historical Museum where they were met by Vicki Wiese and then on to the Little Theater on the Bay where their own Pam deJong entertained them with a short performance followed by Mel Campbell who filled them in on local festivals. Greg Young and two members of the OR

Lab Band, Holly Young & Joe Bakke, shared stories and accomplishments.

They then headed to Bandon Dunes for lunch and a presentation by Darla Hamblin, followed by a trip to the South Slough Reserve where Joy Tully gave a presentation and John Bragg led the group on a hike to an estuary outlook. The day concluded with a tour of the bay on Betty Kay Charters with narration by Martin Gallery.

Much thanks to all who participated.

To sign up for next year’s program please call Pam Cottrell at 266-0868.

Thank You Renewing Members!

All State Real Estate (6 yrs)

Arbe’s RV Park (9 yr)

Coos Bay Toastmasters Club #249 (1 yr)

3 B’zzz Nursery & Gardening (5 yrs)

Bay Area Enterprises Inc (16 yr)

Bay Printers (16 yrs)

Brown’s Studio (17 yrs)

CARE Connections (5 yrs)

Chambers Plumbing & Heating (13 yrs)

Checkerberry’s Flowers & Gifts (19 yrs)

Democratic Party of Coos County (1 yr)

E.L Edwards Realty Inc (13 yrs)

Far West Lapidary & Gen Society (5 yrs)

Fishermen’s Wharf (1 yr)

Home Away (1 yr)

Lyon Insurance Service (7 yrs)

OR Coast Piano Services (1 yr)

Quiet Circle (3 yrs)

Rental Owners Assoc. of SW OR (16 yrs)

Sears (1 yr)

S. Coast Development Council (4 yrs)

S. Coast Orthopedic Assoc. (20yrs)

Steven & Nancy Wilcox (5 yrs)

UA Local 290 Plumbers & Pipefitters (1 yr)

Willamette Dental (2 yrs)

Please join us for Business

After Hours on Wednesday

May 28th from

5PM-7PM at

Scooter Mania.



Business After Hours @ Oregon Wine Cellars



Tamera Landrum, owner of Oregon Wine Cellars, pours wine for the crowd.



Norma Frost, Chris Bebe, Rick Mineau, & Sonya Flowers having a good time.



Jenny Bream, Patti Denton, Kathy Owens & Tracy Pierce enjoy the festivities.

Last month’s Business After Hours took place at the Oregon Wine Cellars owned by Geno & Tamera Landrum. Samples of wine were on hand for the crowd who were also celebrating the airport’s announcement of a direct flight to San Francisco.



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Did You Know?

- **The Bay Area Hospital** has earned the **Commission's Gold Seal of Approval** for health care quality and safety in an unannounced, on-site evaluation.
- **The Mill Casino-Hotel** is still looking for volunteers for their booth at the **2008 Track & Field Olympic Trials** in Eugene which will be held **June 27th-July 6th**. Come be a part of the fun at Hayward Field. Contact Allison Maudlin 756-8800 x1428 for more information.
- **Pam DeJong of HOLM (Home-Office-Life-Management) Services** is offering a 10% discount if you present their enclosed red brochure at the time of consultation.
- **Shore Acres** will feature **Rhododendron Sunday-Mother's Day** on **May 11th** from 11AM-4PM. Volunteers will be on hand serving punch, cookies, & coffee.

- **The Farmer's Market** will be starting back up again **May 14th** on Central Ave every Wednesday from 9am-3pm. Fresh fruit, vegetables, plants and more! Call the CB Visitors Center 269-0215 for more information.



Farmers Market

- **May 18th-24th** has been set aside to **recognize emergency response personnel** which brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesav-

services of medical "front line." Every year Bay Cities provides a BBQ for all the local Emergency agencies to show their appreciation and they are looking for some donations (gift certificates, tickets, etc.) from businesses that would like to join them. Contact Angela Johnson or Maryanne Reed of Bay Cities Ambulance at 266-4300 for more information.

- **CoosJobs.net LLC** opened for business on April 16th as part of the Southwestern OR Community College Job Expo. CoosJobs.net is also inviting the public to join them @ 4PM for refreshments and a **Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting ceremony May 9th**.
- The new **2008 Chamber Directories** are in! Please call the Chamber offices at 266-0868 if you'd like a box to hand out to your customers.