

# **Bay Area Chamber** of Commerce

# Chamber News"



The Legislative Action Team (LAT) has been a very active committee at the Chamber during the first half of 2015. As we went into the 2015 Legislative session, the Chamber adopted the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce's legislative agenda, which included 5 items to promote, like transportation investment and expansion of small business tax cuts, and 5 issues to oppose, Including various workplace mandates and government run retirement plans for the private sector.

The LAT developed a strong relationship with our legislators through the OSCC Chamber Day at the capitol, twice monthly teleconferences with them from SWOCC, and direct contact with

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their offices. This effort was coordinated by chair Tom Burdett and the LAT through a

Chamber Connection 2 twice a month scheduled team meetings.

There have been successes and some

disappointments but the important thing is

that we were there to advocate for business and community. A full report, to you, on the 2015 session will be available later this summer.



Tom Burdett BNT Promotional Products

#### Presidents Letter-Chamber Connection

Welcome Chamber members,

The Importance of Membership

The Chamber's focus for 2015 has been how to grow our Chamber? The Chamber committees are as active as they can be, all ten of them, can you name them all?

The committees are the backbone of the Chamber; they bring something to every member. One of the fastest growing committees today is the Education Committee. Why? I think everyone wants the best education for the children in our community, a place they can learn life's lessons. Teaching isn't as simple as it used to be. Times have changed in many ways. Discipline isn't done with a paddle with holes drilled into it any more like it was when I went to school.

The Chamber's Legislative Action Team is actively engaged, being the voice for small businesses. Staying connected with local legislators, moving forward & taking stands on issues, and

mobilizing people to come to meetings and town hall events to demonstrate local support.

The Chamber's Leadership Coos program is fabulous, a great place to introduced yourself into the community. You get to see everything the community has to offer and more. You can become a part of this program too.

These are a few of the reasons why we belong to the Chamber and only a few reasons why you need to be a Chamber member too. The Chamber only survives because of its members.

Membership makes up a very large percent of its operating

cost, other Chamber events (Leadership Coos, Economic Outlook Forum, and Annual Banquet) bring in some small amounts of revenue but they also have very large expenses.

So would you like to take on a challenge, a "New Membership Challenge"? We are asking that all Chamber Members help spread the word and let others know why you area a Chamber Member and help us get new members to Join! The Member who recruits the most new members will win a Travel Oregon Package sponsored by Oregon Pacific Bank! The package includes mini coastal getaway adventures. The winner will be announced at the 2016 Chamber Awards Banquet. This "Mission is Possible"

Rick Skinner 2015 Chamber President



2015 President Rick Skinner Knife River Materials



Check out the Mission Possible Video at http://youtu.be/2pfvy3Yqkz8

#### **Directors Quote:**

"Live your life so that you would not be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip."

#### Business After Hours at Bay Cities Ambulance



# President Rick Skinner Knife River Materials President-Elect Barry Winters Barrett Business Services, 1

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Jon Hanson

South Coast Office Supply

Mark Wall

Roseburg Resources

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Kyle Daniels
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Knife River Materials **Tom Burdett** 

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Bay Area Enterprises

Dr. Todd Landsberg

South Coast Hearing Center Community at Large

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City of North Bend

Barbara Bauder

Bay Area Hospital

Dawn Rae Granger

School Dist #9

Bill Yester School Dist # 13 Tenneal Wetherell South Coast ESD

#### Meet our New Directors



**Spencer Gordon** 

**Executive Director of Bay Area Enterprises** 

How long have you lived in Oregon's Bay Area:

I have lived in Oregon for a year and half. Why would you like to serve on the Board:

The Chamber of Commerce is about serving our

community. Serving others is part of my character. As a servant leader I look for ways to help others through my time and talents.

What Committee do you serve on: I Currently I serve on the Membership committee, organizing the annual Golf Tournament.

What other community service/organizations are you involved with: I currently serve on the District Committee for the Boy Scouts of America, a recent graduate of Leadership Coos, and I am also a member of the Bay Area Kiwanis Club.



Todd Landsberg
South Coast Hearing Center

Dr. Todd Landsberg was born in Ohio and grew up in Kansas. He then lived in several areas of the country before settling down in Coos Bay in 2010.

After a brief stint as the Audiologist for the school system he decided to open up his own practice, South Coast Hearing Center, in 2013. Located in the new medical facility on Thompson Road, he helps individuals of all ages with hearing issues.

"Dr. Todd," as he is known to his many patients and friends, also has a 42-foot medical laboratory vehicle that enables him to see patients as far away as Portland, Gold Beach and Brookings. He does in-

fant hearing screenings all the way up to treating our military veterans.

Dr. Todd is an avid runner and has run competitively since high school and at Baylor University, where he was a member of the Bears' cross country team. He went to graduate school at the University of Central Missouri and then received his Doctorate from the University of Florida.

Dr. Todd has a unique perspective on hearing issues since he has worn hearing aids since age 6. In fact, he was so active in hearing and community issues in high school that he was asked to carry the Olympic Torch for the Atlanta Olympics in 1996.

He continues his community activism here in Coos Bay and is in the Rotary and Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the local running club and enjoys stand-up paddle boarding when he can find the time.

I would like to be considered for the Chamber of Commerce Board to be more involved with making a difference in the community.

### **Upcoming Chamber Events**

## Leadership Coos



#### **Bay Area Chamber**

Bowling Party
Thursday August 27, 2015
6:00PM-9:00PM
North Bend Lanes/Back Alley Pub & Grill
1225 Virginia Ave, North Bend, OR



Register your team

with Pam

266-0868

#### "Taking Care of Business VII"

Lyrics by Bachman Turner Overdrive

You get up every morning......Promote your business

From your alarm clock's warning. Support your Chamber

Take the 5:15 into the city......North Bend Lanes

There's a whistle up above.....Build a striking team

And people pushin', people shovin'...PRIZES

And the girls who try to look pretty. . Dress it up!

And if your train's on time..... The Fun starts at 6PM

You can get to work by nine.....Ends by 9PM

And start your slaving to get your pay. No skill needed People see you having fun......Eat, drink, and strike out!



If you get in with the right bunch of fellows Chances are you'll go far

Build your Team 3-8 players Cost \$225 per Team

PICK A THEME FOR YOUR TEAM

OBJECTIVES... Leadership Coos is designed to develop (not train) leaders and to provide a comprehensive, objective awareness of our community in action. The program has been developed with the goal of

participants with local aspects of the community-from city, state, county and federal government issues—via a series of topics, tours and speakers.

PROGRAMS... One day per month for nine months (September through May) participants attend seminars, tours and briefings which expose them to the issues and opportunities within our community and challenge them to become involved in decision making in political and community organizations that match their areas of interest. Sessions are led by selected leaders from both local and statewide fields that acquaint participants with a wide variety of subjects including (but not limited to) local transportation issues,

emergency services, communications, education, business and industry, health and human services.

To Sign up for the 2015-2016 Class please fill out the application below and return to:

Bay Area Chamber of Commerce 145 Central Ave Coos Bay Fax:541-267-6704

http://coosbaynorthbendcharlestonchamber.com/2015-2016-leadership-coos/

Deadline for applications is August 1, 2015, Space Limited to 34 participants.

### **New Business Challenge**

A program designed to encourage entrepreneurial spirit in the Bay Area

Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

2015 New Business Challenge

We would like to encourage the entrepreneurial spirit in Coos County and instill an attitude whereby residents believe this is a good place to start a business. To do this, we need to develop a community in which a child is proud to say,

"My parent owns that small manufacturing plant at the end of the road.

I want to do the same thing when I grow up - I want to own my own business."

A positive, pro-growth attitude such as this will encourage small, growing businesses to thrive on the South Coast. And, the New Business Challenge Award will help by taking the best and making it better through the infusion of award capital. The winner of the New Business Challenge Award will receive all of the services listed in the application

on the homepage of our website.

Www.oregonsbayarea.org

Please fill out the attached application and return or fax to:

Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

145 Central Ave, Coos Bay

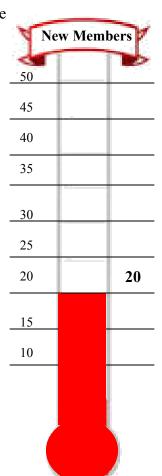
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#### 2015 Membership Drive!

The Chamber knows how important it is for businesses in our community to thrive. We are asking that all Chamber Members help spread the word and let others know why you are a Chamber Member and get them to join! The Member who recruits the most new members will win a Travel Oregon Package! Winner will be announced at 2016 Chamber Awards Banquet! Stop in and get your invite packets today, we'll have them ready for you. 145 Central Ave Coos Bay.

46 New Members is the Goal!



## Welcome New Members

# Tax Freedom Retirment

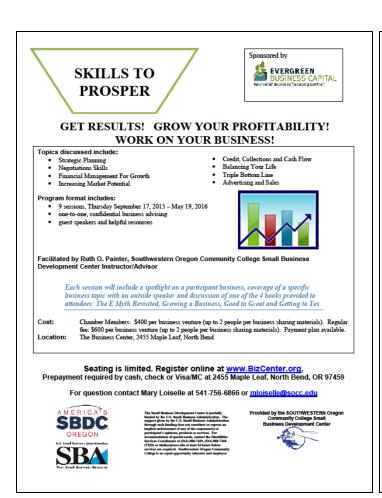
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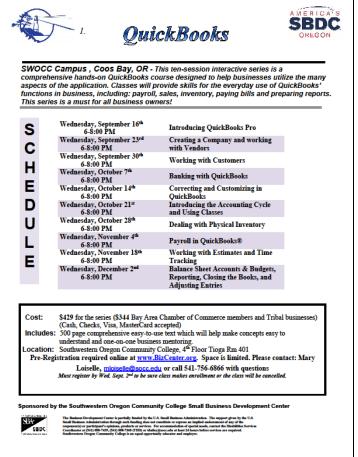
Never lose money in the Stock Market, Ralph offers private funding the Government cant touch. Learn from an insurance professional how to minimize your risks; your interest expense; and you taxes. You will achieve four things: a higher rate of return; a secure retirement; a more comfortable lifestyle and peace of mind.

# Camp Remote

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Camp Remote is a seasonal campground facility ideal for youth and family camps, day camps, reunions and other weekend retreats.





#### Can I give two weeks' notice if I own the business?

Some days it may feel like you want to give your two weeks' notice and quit being a business owner, but that's probably not in anyone's best interest. A business exit strategy may require two or three years to implement if your business is successful and usually more than two weeks are necessary if the business is failing.

First look at the reasons you are feeling overwhelmed and are ready to quit, is this a temporary issue or are there long term reasons to consider exiting the business? Talk with an advisor at the local Small Business Development Center about the business issues you are facing to strategize the best options. You can find additional information to help you operate a successful business or exit your business by going to <a href="www.BizCenter.org">www.BizCenter.org</a>.

Burnout may be part of the problem leading to a desire to quit your business. You may need to make some adjustments to the amount of time you are putting into your business to avoid burnout. Make a list of the essential tasks needed to operate the business, then estimate the amount of time required to accomplish these duties. What resources do you have to help you accomplish all critical tasks? Do you have employees or outside business consultants? Think about areas of your business where you are spending time that are not on that essential tasks list. How much time do you spend on them? Are they important to your business success or can they be eliminated? Are there areas of your business you can streamline?

Next, think about what you would do instead of being in business. Is there a job you feel you would like better and are qualified for? Going to work for someone else will provide a regular paycheck, but you will no longer be able to control when, where, how and with whom you work. Is your business successful enough to sell? If so, you'll need a plan to get the best price for the sale of the business.

If you decide to close the business, what can you do to reduce the negative impact on your customers, your employees, your suppliers, your investors and yourself? Be sure to think about the tax consequences. How will you dispose of any inventory or business assets? How will you pay any remaining business debts? Don't give up until you've thoroughly planned what's next.

The SBDC is a partnership of the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Oregon Small Business Development Center Network, the Oregon Business Development Department and Southwestern Oregon Community College. Arlene M. Soto has been the Director of the Southwestern Small Business Development Center since July 2007. To ask a question call 541-756-6445, e-mail asoto@socc.edu, or write 2455 Maple Leaf, North Bend, OR 97459. Additional help is available at the OSBDCN Web page <a href="https://www.bizcenter.org">www.bizcenter.org</a>.

## **Renewing Members**

20 year member-1995

Banner Bank, North Bend

15 year members-2000

**Staples** 

Midway RV Park & Resort

14 year members-2001

Zonta Club of the CB Area

**Coos Bay Vision Center** 

13 year member-2002

**Black Market Gourmet** 

10 year member-2005

**Qualman Oyster Farms** 

9 year member-2006

**Downtown Health & Fitness** 

8 year member-2007

**Business Oregon** 

7 year member-2008

**Mountain View Farms Archery** 

Range

6 year members-2009

Ciccarelli's Restaurant

**Grace Church** 

Moe's Bike Shop

Coos Bay Garden Club

5 year members-2010

O'Bryan Advanced Dentistry

Painted Zebra Boutique

**Englewood Automotive** 

**Lighthouse Radio Group** 

**Bay Area Mailing Connections** 

and More

Steve's ATV Service

**Bay Appliance and TV** 

David Mussone DDS, PC

4 year member-2011

Miller's at the Cove Sports

Bar & Grill

Portside Restaurant

3 year members-2012

Captain's Choice Restaurant

**David S Tilton Attorney at** 

Law

Pacific Air Comfort, Inc

Little Caesars Pizza CB & NB

**Lloyd Electric** 

Wagon Wheel Grocer

**Beyer Excavating** 

**First Call Resolution** 

Bay Area Copier Company,

Inc

**Gary W. Long Construction** 

1 year members-2014

**HighRoad Wealth Advisors** 

**Pulse Electrolysis** 

**Knutson Towboat Company** 

