



Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce
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“Working Together for Progress”
139 Members Strong

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1. Web Hits!

February's unique web hits (first time viewers) were 1840 visitors.
February's total visitors were 2674.
These visitors looked at a total of 10,474 pages in February, 2006.

2. Chamber POWER

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3. 2005 Awards Ceremony

Each year the Chamber of Commerce honors people and businesses that deserve recognition for their outstanding services to their community and the Island at our annual Awards Presentation. This year, we are hosting a wine tasting event with assorted cheese, crackers, lox, other seafood snacks and chocolates. It will be held at the Craig Community Association on Sunday March 26th, 2pm-5pm. Tickets will be \$15 in advance and \$20 on the day of the event. The admission tickets will be used for door prizes for those attending.

We will be honoring Outstanding Business of the Year; Business Person of the Year; a President’s Choice Award; a Youth Leader Award; and a Volunteer of the Year Award. Also joining our ceremony, an AARP representative will present a Volunteer Recognition Award.

Phyllis Mueller of **Wildfish Co.**, Marge Young of **A&M Inc.**, John DeCherney from Specialty Imports, and Debbie Kaes from Odom Corporation have graciously committed to donating to this event. Please email or call the Chamber office if you would like to sponsor or donate as well.

4. 2006 Island Guides Are Great!

The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce is very pleased with the positive feedback it has been receiving and some are proclaiming it to be the best production to date. It features new photos and an updated map of the island on the center page. New wildlife stops have been added, as well as construction notes on highways affected by ongoing improvements. The Guide is packed with facts and information that visitors and non-visitors would find very useful any time of the year.

We would like to thank all who included their advertising in this issue, to all those who sent in photographs and digital files, as well as to all the members and directors who volunteered countless hours to help put this issue together.

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5. Chamber Welcome

The Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome and thank **Pacific Airways** for becoming our 139th 2006 member. Continued success, as always, to all members and thank you for your support.

6. Forest Products Task Force Meeting

On Saturday, March 4th, 10am, at the PoW Chamber Office guest speaker Jim Baichtal, Forest Geologist, will discuss issues regarding timber harvest on KARST. Also, the upcoming Forest Products Expo "Issue Forum" will be discussed. Please note that this is a week earlier than normal!

All Forest Products Task Force meetings are open to the public and all interested parties are invited and encouraged to attend. For more info please call John Bruns at 755-2231 or Karen Petersen at 828-3207.

7. Forest Products Expo and Trade Show

Trade Show Booth Space Available!

**Print your Booth Sign Up Form from Newsletter!*

The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce announces that booth space is available for the April 1st Trade Show (no joke) to be held at the Craig Gym on Saturday April 1st. This year's Trade Show will be a Friday Evening/Saturday event only. Booths can be set up on Friday evening on March 31st and available to the public from 5 to 7pm on Friday and then all day on Saturday. This years Trade Show will focus on Island Business, and Island Trade. Anyone interested can call Serafin Lara at the Chamber for more information at 755-2626.

The Forest Products Expo "Issues Forum" is taking place at the Craig Community Association building. Starting at 9am and going until 5pm. Guest speakers and panel discussions will be an all day affair.

8. Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce Workforce Development & Education Committee is offering up to three scholarships from the Jack McBride Memorial Scholarship Fund to eligible Alaskan students.

The scholarships will be awarded to students attending an accredited university or vocational school in the 2006/2007 academic year and studying resource or general business management. Students must be residents of Ketchikan, Metlakatla or Prince of Wales Island

Scholarship applications are available in the Kayhi, Revilla and **UAS-Ketchikan** Counseling Departments and the **Ketchikan and Prince of Wales Island Chambers of Commerce** Offices.

Completed applications must reach the **Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce** on or before Tuesday, April 18th. Applications may be mailed, hand delivered or e-mailed to the Chamber Office.

In order to continue this scholarship on a perpetual basis, contributions are still welcome and can be mailed to the Jack McBride Memorial Scholarship Fund, **Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce**, P.O. Box 5957, Ketchikan, AK 99901

9. Thorne Bay's Tongass Federal Credit Union

Tongass Federal Credit Union's branch office will open on March 1st, at **R&M Sporting Goods** in Thorne Bay. It will be open Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 11am-2pm, to begin with. On Saturday, March 11th, there will be a Grand Opening with drawings and free gifts. Contact Reid & Misty at 828-8868 or go to bba@thornebayalaska.net for more information.

10. March Chamber Board Meeting

The March Board meeting will be Tuesday the 14th, 6pm, at the Chamber office. There is no scheduled luncheon this month as of this writing. February's luncheon was held at AP&T's conference room with guest speaker Robert Hale from Ketchikan's Job Development and Public Assistance Office.

11. Queen Charlotte Islands Chamber Exchange

April 7-8, is confirmed as the weekend the exchange will take place. The itinerary so far is as follows: April 6 Prince of Wales Island delegates picked up at 1:00pm in Ketchikan, and flown to Masset. April 7 "Fam" tour during the day, followed by a social in the evening. April 8, Forum during the day, gala dinner, dance & fundraising auction in the evening. April 9, possible extension of the forum. POW Chamber delegates may prefer to return home that day, to arrive in Ketchikan before 2:30pm because of ferry deadlines.

The five areas of interest for the QCI Chamber are: transportation, tourism, fishing, culture, and forestry. A history of our industry on Prince of Wales island, past problems and how they were addressed and/or overcome, our current situation, including challenges, future outlook of the industry, opportunities for us to work together, and any other advice.

12. Ketchikan Visitors Bureau 2006 Guide

This year's travel guide has been changed significantly from previous editions. Its new size measures at 8 1/2 by 11", with 54 pages and includes a gatefold map section. The guide continues to be available online as a downloadable PDF file, providing instant access for anyone wishing to view or print it from their own computer. For more info please visit www.visit-ketchikan.com.

13. Prince of Wales Island Cancer Coalition

This non-profit organization will help with financial assistance for cancer travel and medical treatment. Contact **PoW Cancer Coalition**, PO Box 391, Craig, AK 99921; or 907-755-2234, for applications, also available at the Chamber of Commerce office.

14. SEARHC-2006 Ethel Lund Village Health Occupations Program

Few people get to watch real emergency room doctors in action, be with operating room staff during surgery or even watch a dentist performing a root canal. Southeast Alaska Native high school students can experience these and other opportunities when they participate in the Ethel Lund Village Health Occupations Program (VHOP).

Each year, the SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) selects 12 students interested in the health field to visit Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital in Sitka to learn about different health careers and educational requirements. Students will 'job shadow' with doctors, dentists, nurses, x-ray technicians and many other health professionals. Positions in these fields usually offer good pay and employee benefits, as well as the satisfaction of helping others.

This year's VHOP session is scheduled for April 24-28. Students who are selected to participate receive assistance to cover travel costs to and from Sitka, housing, meals and some evening entertainment. The deadline for applications is April 3, 2006. Application packets should include five items: application form; letter of recommendation from school superintendent, principal, counselor or teacher; student essay; agreement of conduct (signed by participant and parent); and student profile.

Completed applications may be faxed to 1-907-966-8527 or mailed to Roxanne Houston at SEARHC, c/o Human Resources Department, 222 Tongass Drive, Sitka, AK 999835. Applications are available at high school offices, at local village corporations or by going to www.searhc.org and clicking on the link marked "Attention High School Students: VHOP 2006." For more information, contact Roxanne Houston at 1-907-966-8476 or by e-mail at rhouston@searhc.org.

15. Board of Directors

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**PRINCE OF WALES
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE**

TRADE SHOW

*Salmon
Barbecue*

The Craig Wrestlers
and Cheerleaders will
again be offering a
Salmon Barbecue on
Saturday



**Friday Evening March 31st, 2006
Saturday April 1st, 2006**

The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring a Trade Show, to highlight Business and Industry on Prince of Wales. Whether your business is big or small, you need to show it off! Booth space available for Forest Products, Health Care Products, Non-Profits, Service Organizations, Retail Sales, YOU NAME IT! Fill out form, e-mail, or print and mail or fax.

Time	Event
Noon-4:30 Friday	Booths available for set up
5:00 – 7:00pm Friday	Trade Show Opens at 5pm
10am-4pm Saturday	Trade Show Open All Day

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Name

Business Name

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Booth Rental Form

Chamber Member Booth Fee
\$10 per booth _____

Number of booth spaces _____

Non-Chamber Member Booth Fee
\$20 per booth _____

Number of booth spaces _____

Subtotal _____

Tax _____

Total _____