



Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce

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145 Members Strong

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1. Web Hits!

September's unique web hits (first time viewers) were 1,694 visitors.
September's total visitors were 2,634.
These visitors looked at a total of 97,267 pages in September, 2006.

2. Chamber Membership Drive

The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce membership year runs from October 1 to September 30th. Current members have received applications in the mail, as well as new businesses identified by the Chamber management.

Membership fees are based on the number of employees. Non-profit organizations with 0-1 paid employees have a reduced annual fee of \$60. Individual membership fees are \$40. Owners with more than one business can sign up their additional business at one-half of the regular membership fee.

Membership includes listing on both the Chamber website (www.princeofwalescoc.org) and in the Directory included in the Island Guide. More than 20,000 NEW visitors logged on to the Chamber website in the past twelve months, and 20,000 copies of the annual guide are printed. In addition to this exposure, the 2007 Guide will be included on the Chamber website as a PDF file, doubling the number of potential visitors who will see your listing.

Investment in the Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce is critical to the success of this Island organization. Please consider joining and reaping the benefits of advertising your business

3. Photographs for 2007 Guide

The Chamber is seeking pictures for the 2007 Island Guide. Particularly attractive are “people shots”, people enjoying all sorts of recreational and cultural shots, in and out of town. Photographers need to grab all the pixels possible; generally 3 MB to 5MB or more. Nothing is more disappointing than a perfect, cover-worthy scene that tops out at 640 pixels by 800!

Pictures can be submitted to the Chamber office in Klawock. Please submit written permission from any person that might be in your pictures. It can be as simple as a handwritten “model release” with a signature.

Pictures that would be great to include in our next Visitor’s Guide: RV’s on the move on remote roads, big mountains in the distance, people camping, people eating outside on a summer day, people playing fetch with a retriever on a remote beach or right in town, people hiking in the backcountry or walking up a city street...anything that appeals to potential visitors.

The Chamber office number is 755-2626. Office Manager Serafin Lara is waiting for your call.

4. Island Guide Ads

Chamber members receive reduced rates for advertising in the annual Island Guide. The Chamber office is currently accepting Advertising Contracts for the 2007 Island Guide. The Chamber management is committed to getting the new guide on the street by the end of the current year, but needs timely responses from members and businesses to reach that goal. Please call the Chamber office at 755-2626 to receive a membership application and advertising contract blank. The applications can also be accessed on the Chamber website. The management has set October 1 as a deadline for ensuring inclusion in the 2007 Guide and for getting the production schedule underway for a timely return.

Membership Has Its Benefits

The Chamber seeks your support through membership in return for the following benefits:

- In addition to 20,000 copies of the Island Guide, your business information will be available in two places on the Chamber website.
- The Office Manager becomes your own personal business representative!
- Your business brochures are displayed in the Visitor Center and included in relocation packets.
- You receive a free listing on the Chamber website and in the Island Guide Business Directory.
- You can use the Chamber Bulk Mailing Permit for island mailings.
- You can come in anytime and check out the industry and business publications.
- You can rent our booth materials and our new button machine at discounted membership rates.
- You can network with other business persons at monthly luncheons.
- You can lend your skills to a committee that puts your talents to use for the enhancement of life on Prince of Wales.

- You can advertise your business in the monthly Chamber POWER newsletter and keep up with community news, or share your own good news!
 - You can post your employment needs, or look for available help on the Employment Board that the Chamber is going to install outside our office door!
 - You can have your events added to the Website Calendar.
 - Most of all, you can contribute to PROGRESS THROUGH UNITY!
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5. Forest Products Task Force

The next meeting of the Forest Product's Task Force will be Saturday October 7th. The meeting will be held in Klawock at the Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce office beginning at 10am. The Forest Service will conduct a meeting regarding the Winter Harbor Stewardship project immediately after the Task Force Meeting. This informational meeting will begin at 12:00. For more information please call John Bruns at 755-2231 or Karen Petersen at 828-3207

6. Chamber Scholarship News

Presidential Freedom Scholarships

The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce just mailed off the \$500 matching scholarships to two of Craig High School's 2006 graduates. Spencer Beckman, just beginning his college career at Southern Oregon University, and Katrina Peavey, at Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon, were recipients of the Presidential Freedom Scholarship. This scholarship recognizes high school students for outstanding leadership in service to their community and neighbors. Recipients must perform at least 100 hours in a year in order to qualify for the award, and receive the nomination from their school principals.

Funding for the 2007 program was not included in the proposed federal budget. Congress takes final action on the budget in the fall of 2006. Schools will be apprised of the status of this program through the website of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Spencer is the son of Jack and Rhonda Beckman, and Katrina is the daughter of Matthew and Kathy Peavey, all of Craig.

Chamber Adds Service Requirement to 2007 Application

The Chamber of Commerce will soon make the 2007 Scholarship applications available on their website. It will reflect some changes made by the Scholarship committee in the requirements and selection criteria. A minimum of 20 hours of volunteer service completed during the high school years will be required of all applicants. The application packet will include a table formatted to record the service performed. These hours will represent 20 points on the 100 point scale used to score the applications.

Chamber Scholarship Committee members Jan Bush and Sarah Altland advise all Prince of Wales High School students to keep a journal of their community service performance beginning immediately following the completion of 8th grade, and continuing all through high school. More

and more scholarships contain a service component in recognition of the value that is placed on a student's willingness to benefit their communities with their time and talent. The journal should include date of service, the organization that benefited from the efforts along with the name of an individual who can verify the information. A brief description of the work performed is important to record, and lastly, the amount of time volunteered on that occasion. This journal will be invaluable to the student during their junior and senior years in preparation of their resumes, college and scholarship applications.

7. Elections for New Directors

In October, the Chamber management is charged with submitting to the membership a ballot for filling board vacancies. End of terms are approaching for four of our directors: John Moots, Jan Bush, Jan Stevens, and Tammy Demmert. Director, Wes Morrison is moving away so the remaining time of his term will be open, also.

If you are interested in being considered to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors, please let the Office know of your interest. Names of candidates will be reported no later than October 15th and ballots will be sent out the first week in November.

Candidates for directors may also be nominated by petition, bearing the genuine signatures of at least five members of the chamber. Please file any such petition with the office by mid-October.

8. October Chamber Board Meeting / Fair & Logging Show Meeting

The October Board meeting will be Tuesday the 12th, 6pm, at the **Chamber** office in Klawock. This month's scheduled luncheon is yet to be determined and will be announced at a later date.

There will be a **Fair & Logging Show** committee meeting on Monday October 9, 2006 at 6:00 pm at the Thorne Bay City Hall

9. Board of Directors

President- John Bruns, *Prince of Wales Hatchery Association* powha@aptalaska.net

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Director- Jan Stevens, *US Postal Service*

Director- Julie Isom, mayor, *City of Thorne Bay* jisom@sisd.org

Director- Wes Morrison, *Tlingit & Haida Technology Industries* wmorrison@ccthita.org

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