



Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce

Chamber POWER

“Working Together for Progress”
178 New and Renewing members



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1. Website factoids for the period March 2-March 29:

The Chamber website experienced 207,238 hits, an average of 7401 per day. Unique visitors totaled 11,324. Of these new visitors, 4226 visited just once, and 7098 returned for a second look!

2. Chamber POWER: Thanks to the following sponsors of this month's Newsletter.

My Desire Flower Shop—Craig/826-5445/Jacqueline Vaughan, owner/ Diorgrace2@hotmail.com/ Flower Bouquets & Arrangements for all occasions. Chocolates, Yarn, Furniture & Housewares, from Italy & France. Italian, Filipino & American Coffee's Bags, Purses, Sachets, Placemats, Tablecloths & Computer Bags from Italy & France. Your One-Stop Shop for Luxury !

Arrowhead Transfer, Inc—Craig/ 826-3419/Mike Zellhuber, manager/www.shipaml.com/Local and Long distance hauling and moving. Agent for Alaska Marine Lines weekly barge, heated mini storage. Packing cartons for sale

Birds Eye View Bed and Breakfast – Craig / 907-826-5987 / PO.Box 383 / Craig, AK 99921 / Located downtown Craig. Situated on a hill, one can take in the ocean's activity from the panoramic view. It is presently set up for singles or a couple. Alaskan decor, quiet atmosphere, non-smoking. Private bathroom, TV & phone. Parking and sack lunch available on request.

Black Bear Store—Klawock/907-755-2292 / Sandra and Elvin Scott, Owners/ otis@aptalaska.net / Basic groceries. Fuel. Hunting and Fishing licenses and tackle.

Indian Time Taxi and Tours—Klawock / 401-0700/ Local Taxi, sightseeing tours, ferry shuttle. Serving all of POW Island. Buy 10 rides, 11th one free. Reservations on ferry shuttle and tours recommended.

Tongass Business Center – Ketchikan / 618 Dock St. / Ketchikan, AK 99901 / 1-800-478-9015 / 907-225-9015 / Fax 907-225-9014 / Catalog now on-line at www.tbcenter.com". Office Equipment & Supply, Sharp Copiers & Faxes, Printing & Binding, Newsletters, Office Furniture.

JS Warehouse and Builder's Supply--Craig / 907-826-3632 / fax 907-826-2988 Featuring True Value hardware and paint product line with lumber and building products along with general storage, mini-storage and RV court and parking. Also a maintenance shop with steel and iron supply.

Coffman Cove Charters—907-329-2044 / www.coffmancovecharters.com / Fish halibut, salmon and bottom fish with Captain Lee Harper. Walk-ons are welcome, but reservations are encouraged. Call now to guarantee your place in the boat!

First Bank – Craig / 907-826-3254 / fax 907-826-3910 / www.firstbankak.com / Lynnette Logan, manager. A full service community bank offering checking, savings and time deposit accounts; consumer, commercial, construction, and home loans; and online banking services. ATM's located at First Bank and at West Wind Plaza in Craig.

Log Cabin Sporting Goods—Craig / Tim and Melissa Lacour, owners / logcabinsports@aptalaska.net / 907-826-2205 / The Island's only outdoor specialty store, featuring camping, hunting, and fishing supplies. The finest in outdoor apparel. Special orders welcome

3. From the President's Desk:

Ready, set, go! The calendar says that Spring is here and that means the "Things to Do" list is growing!

The Board of Directors has responded to requests to consider a Classified Ads section on our website. See the next article for details as we give this idea a six-month trial period for the benefit of all our members.

How would you like to share some of your business news through the newsletter? Are you expanding your inventory or making improvements to your facility? Send in your ready-to-insert news before the last week of the month and we will include it in our "Business Happenings" section located in this issue just before the Board List!

The Governor has sent her regrets and will not be coming to Prince of Wales Island for our annual Awards event. She is due to add to her family mid-May so the response is not a surprise! Due to the timing of the final answer, though, and the lack of nominations from our multiple requests, we are going to take this event off our Spring calendar for this year. The Board will consider whether or not we need a change in the award program and we will look at a later event if there is evidence of interest and involvement.

It is April and that means MID YEAR for the chamber. We are running our membership campaign for those who want to join up for the remainder of our Membership Year (April 1-October 1). Please invite your neighboring businesses to support our efforts with their membership!

We have recently color-enhanced our logo and found a cost effective supplier for the window decals (Thanks for the tip from Chuck Haydu of the POW Hatchery Board!!) Your membership decal will be sent out as soon as they arrive, along with our belated appreciation for your vital support of this organization.



4. CLASSIFIED ADS ON WEBSITE

The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce is adding to its member benefits beginning on April 1st. For the next six months, Chamber members can add classified ads to the Chamber website as an additional benefit of their membership. At the end of the six month trial period, the Chamber will evaluate the benefit and determine if it will become a permanent feature, or if it can be maintained as a free offer.

The member guidelines for placing a **free** classified ad are as follows:

- Members may list items for sale, items wanted, or job listings.
- The word limit is 25 words or less; text only, no graphics or photos.
- The website manager will use the information as it is submitted and will not construct ads.
- Ad must include name of company, contact person and phone number.
- Weblinks may be added for a \$5 fee per month or portion of the month.
- The ad will be posted for the remainder of the month in which it is submitted.
- Classified ads will be cleaned off the website on the last day of each month.
- Chamber office can be notified in writing to maintain an ad for another month.
- No political or fundraising events allowed.

The advertising of Chamber members is available in the Business Directory on the website. Classified ads should be sent to the chamber at info@princeofwalescoc.org. The Chamber of Commerce makes no claims or warranties regarding the sale of an item, number of calls that will be generated for any item advertised, or the quality of good sold. The Chamber reserves the right to refuse any advertising.

5. POWCAC meeting report

Jan Bush and Denise Daniels traveled to Thorne Bay on March 19th to attend the POWCAC meeting hosted by the City of Thorne Bay. Agenda items included a discussion of the Appeal of LBC Decision on KGB Annexation petition, the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Lands Issue, Sealaska Lands Issue, and a resolution on the Prince of Wales Transportation Priorities for 2008.

Representatives were present from Craig, Thorne Bay, Kasaan, Coffman Cove, Naukati, Hollis, AP&T, and your Chamber.

The next meeting will be hosted by Kasaan on May 27th, 2008 at noon.

6. NEW MEMBERS

The Chamber welcomes the following members and thanks them for the vital support that keeps the office open and the information flowing out to the rest of the world:

The Landing at Otter Cove, LLC, Chad and Mari Remington, Owners
My Desire Flower Shop, Jacquie Vaughan, owner
Craig Cable TV, Jay Landgren, Manager

7. Island Guide Advisory Committee to meet

Chamber of Commerce Vice President Karen Cleary will lead an advisory meeting for the POW Island Guide Committee on Tuesday, April 29th at 6PM at the Chamber office in Klawock. Persons interested in attending this meeting should leave their names with Denise at the Chamber office at 755-2626.

The Island Guide Advisory committee will make recommendations for changes to the present practices that are used in the production of the Prince of Wales Island Guide. These recommendations will be considered by the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors at a later meeting in order to set written policy for advertising space in the Guide. Premium spaces in the publication include the back page, inside front cover and inside back cover.

8. 2008 Adopt a Marathon Mile



The POW International Marathon will be run on Saturday, May 24th and the two-week period preceding the event is the clean up timeframe for the 52+ miles of roadside along the route from Hollis to the Craig Ballpark finish line.

The Chamber is proud to coordinate this effort on behalf of the dedicated and hardworking Runners Club that organizes this exciting event. Chamber member Jan Stevens of Klawock (755-2114) has volunteered to steer this project for us this year. You can call the Chamber office at 755-2626 to pass along your contact information for individuals or groups who are willing to adopt a mile of the marathon route to clean up. Safety vests, gloves, and litter bags are all supplied to the volunteers.

9. Scholarship Underwriting Campaign for 2008 Graduates

Scholarship committee chairpersons Sarah Altland and Jan Bush will be sending out letters this week to secure underwriting for the annual High School graduate awards. Since 1994, there have been over 150 awards made to college bound students from our island High Schools.

Last year there were 17 award recipients, all made possible through the generous underwriting of Prince of Wales Island businesses and individuals. Full underwriting was contributed by ***Southeast Dental Centers, Alaska Marine Lines, Alaska Power and Telephone, Catch a King Charters, Fireweed Lodge, Whale Tail Pharmacy, B-3 Contractors, Todd Tew, CPA, and Changing Tides Inn.*** ***Partial underwriting was received from Northland Services, First Bank of Alaska, Shaub Ellison, Viking Lumber, Aleda and Kirk Dahlstrom, P&H Construction, Tyler Rental, Petro Marine Services, Alaska Gifts, Log Cabin Resort, Boardwalk Lodge, Mark Beardsley, Cleary Computers, Jody's Seafood Specialties, Southeast Retreat, Black Bear Store, Trophy Inn, Papas Pizza, Ocean Bluebird B&B, Columbine Inn, Voyageur Bookstore and Hill Bar and Liquor Store.*** Each of these contributors is acknowledged on the Award Certificates that are given to each recipient, and a framed certificate is given to each individual or business to display.



The Chamber office has a display of certificates for each year, containing the names of all the graduate recipients and the underwriters who have made their scholarships possible.

If you would like a Scholarship Underwriting packet, and do not receive one by April 5th, please email Jan at belle@aptalaska.net and one will be on its way to you!

10. APRIL Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled at its regular time on Tuesday, April 8th at 6PM at the Chamber office. If you want a spot on our agenda, please contact the office. We have a PUBLIC COMMENT agenda item just for you if you just want to come and voice what is on your mind.



11. APRIL Forest Products Task Force Meeting

The Forest Products Task Force invites all interested persons to its April meeting on Saturday, the 5th. It will take place from 10AM until NOON at the Thorne Bay Forest Service Conference Room.

Harry Noah from Mental Health will be there to discuss their land exchange. A letter of response to Sealaska on their land exchange will also be on the agenda for discussion and approval.

12. FAIR AND LOGGING SHOW MEETING

Come and join this hard working committee on Monday, April 7th at 6:30 PM at the Catholic Church in Klawock. There won't be a potluck preceding the meeting so that we can just get to work on the task list. The committee is hoping to finalize the design of the 2008 buttons, among other items! Come with your ideas of how to incorporate Alaska's 50th Birthday into the Island Celebration!

13. TOURISM Committee REPORT

The April meeting of the Tourism committee was postponed. The next meeting date is to be determined. The committee will be assembling their "103 Things to do on Prince of Wales Island." If you would like to join this committee and receive an email notification of this meeting, please call and give your contact information to Denise Daniels in the chamber office.

14. APRIL Island Grind this Saturday

Have you experienced the monthly Island Grind which is presented the first Saturday of the month at the Craig High School auditorium?? This Saturday, April 5th will have an April Fool's Day lineup. The fun time starts at 7PM. Possible presenters on the shifting line-up include Jim Morrison, Buddy Holly, Chris Farley, John Lennon, Elvis Presley, John Denver, Sonny Bono and the Easter Bunny. Foolish songs will entertain and bring smiles to your faces!

Buy tickets at **Voyageur Bookstore** in Craig or reserve tickets by calling 755-8899. Admission cost is Adults \$5, Students \$3, Children ages 6 & under \$1, and Seniors \$3 (ages 60+). Bring a homemade dessert for the Dessert Contest and your ticket will be refunded.

Volunteers to support the show are welcome. Entertainers interested in performing should call John Bruns or Sally Burch at 755-8899 for more information.

15. BUSINESS HAPPENINGS

From the desk of Jim Seley: JS Development Company has opened up new modular mini storage units at the company's Craig location. The popular 10x11 size easily accommodates users by offering 3 foot roll up doors, insulated walls and energy saving transparent wall panel skylights. Also all interior walls are constructed so the user can easily build shelving arrangements per their individual needs.

Each 45' modular building is mounted on steel skids and houses four individual rental units. The units can easily be picked up and transported to other locations. JS plans to build and locate additional units at Klawock Airport and at Thorne Bay.

If you are interested in having your own units built or have another modular design that you would like to have constructed, call JS at 826-3634 or cell 401-0831 or fax your plans or ideas to 826-2989 and we can get you started. Most construction is performed during the foul weather months at JS shop 17. This helps the company provide desperately needed winter jobs and build infrastructure for our island. For more information contact Jim at jseley@aptalaska.net

Do you have news to share? Submit an article to the Chamber office by the 25th of the month to appear in the following month's newsletter.