



Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce
Chamber POWER
"Working Together for Progress"
175 New and Renewing members



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1. Website factoids for the month of NOVEMBER!

NOVEMBER unique web hits through NOVEMBER 27th (first time viewers) were 1825 visitors. **Of these visitors, 616 of them added the website to their favorite's list!** NOVEMBER total visitors were 3318. These visitors looked at a total of 7384 pages, with 84,621 hits. Behind the USA, Canada took over second place ahead of Australia for most pages viewed. Tuesday was NOVEMBER'S most active day, and 5 PM was the most active time of day. The calendar was the most viewed page; 207 visitors opened up the Island Guide. The average visit was 194 seconds. The Business Directory was viewed 539 times, 368 visitors went to Real Estate, 143 to Accommodations and 142 to Charters.



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

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.

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

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.

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.

3. From the President's Desk:

Hello all! I look forward to another year in this spot! The Board is an eclectic collection of volunteers and I thank them for the time and effort they give each and every month. Each member of the board belongs to a unique sphere of influence on our Island. For some of us, it is the work of the Chamber that allows those spheres to overlap. We bring together our talents and perspectives to pursue the Chamber missions and seek ways to make POW a better place tomorrow than what it is today.

Denise returns to the office on Monday December 3rd after a trip to Provo, Utah where she attended VISTA Supervisor training. This is in anticipation of an Americorp volunteer spending a year with us on POW dealing with tourism issues. On a recent trip to Anchorage, I interviewed the person that we have selected for this position, and we await a response.

Thank you to all our renewing members and new members. It takes all the dues and most of the proceeds realized from the Island Guide to maintain an office position working full time to represent you to visitors, email inquirers, and the many phone calls for information about POW. Over the past few years, I have noticed that the office work sometimes overflows the allotted time. I can't say thanks enough for the job that Denise is doing for all of us, and the attention she pays to details, especially during this last quarter of the year when her desk is overtaken with your important membership and Guide information. Denise will be adding the website updates to her list of duties, with occasional help from members of the Board who possess the ability to assist her.

A very special thanks to all the volunteers who have helped with the many tasks that needed to be done this past year, both in and out of the office.

Another thanks to our "retired board members" Julie Isom and Mark Jaqua for their service to the board. Mark served out the term of Barb Ayala when she left. Julie finished her two year term, but has moved on to Juneau, and will continue to support our efforts on the state level through Bert Stedman's legislative office.



4. Officers elected for 2007-2008 terms

The Board of Directors met on November 13th and elected a slate of officers to serve one year terms. **Jan Bush** will serve another term as President. **John Bruns** continues as Past President. **Karen Cleary** moves from the Treasurer position to Vice President. **Carolyn Chapman** moves from Secretary to Treasurer. Newly elected director **Teri Gould** will serve as Secretary.

5. Fair and Logging Show Committee takes a break

The November meeting was held on Monday, November 12th, at St. John's Catholic Church in Klawock. The committee will take a break and will not meet during December and January. The February 4th meeting in Thorne Bay will give the committee one last opportunity to finalize a shopping list for the 2008 Show. In the meantime, work continues on the design for the 2008 buttons and other ideas for improving the fairgrounds.

There have been a few suggestions directed to members of the board, as well as to members of the Fair and Logging Show committee, that the name of this annual event be changed. We are looking for feedback. Should the name of the **Prince of Wales Annual Fair and Logging Show** be changed? If yes, then to what? Send back your response to that question after you've given it some thought. We will share your responses at our February meeting!

6. Volunteers are appreciated

A few weeks ago, the office enjoyed the participation of some of our younger citizens who monitored the phone while Denise did errands. A big thanks to Jennifer Haydu, daughter of Chuck and Jeanette Haydu of **Kingfisher Charters**, and to Laura Steward, daughter of Rob and Val Steward of **Changing Tides Inn**.

A huge thanks to Jeannie McFarland, who came in and assisted Denise with the first proofreading of the Island Guide's Business Directory, and performed a second "read" from her home and business. Jeannie of **McFarland's Floatel/ Baskets and Bullets** can't give her time all year long, so she is helping with the mountainous proofing task in her "spare" time. She has racked up 12 hours or so thus far.

The Island Guide will need more proofing immediately before it heads for the printers, so please call the office if you can spare some time.

7. "Tis the season" ...Scholarship awards

December is the month when Scholarship Chairpersons Jan Bush and Sarah Altland expect to begin sending out the 2007 Graduate Scholarship awards of \$500. This year there were 17 recipients named at graduation ceremonies. The named recipients must demonstrate a successfully completed term at a post-secondary institution before their awards are mailed to the student accounts department of their school. Successful completion is evidenced by a 2.0 GPA, and recipients provide the Chamber Scholarship Committee with a copy of their transcripts as soon as possible following the completion of the first term. Usually that means the Christmas break. Cashier's checks are mailed so there is no delay in crediting the student's accounts. First Bank, Craig Branch waives the check fee, making it possible for 100 percent of all contributions to go toward the scholarships.

This year's recipients come from Craig, Klawock, Thorne Bay, Coffman Cove and Hydaburg. Craig High School recipients include Katie Altland, Cammie May, Amanda Edsall, Arthur Martin, Jenny Mae Carpenter, Nicole Packer, Melissa Peavey, Zach Thibodeau, Cole Anderson, Ryan Cole, and Scott Hamilton. Klawock graduates are Melissa Steward and Yadira Ramirez-Ruiz. Ethan Cook and Brandi Goicoechea from Thorne Bay were awarded a scholarship as well as Jacklyn Smith from Coffman Cove. Starleen Jones of Hydaburg was the sole recipient from that community.

Underwriting was contributed by 31 different individuals and businesses, and their generosity has kept this program alive now for fifteen years, benefiting 150 POW Island Graduates.

8. DECEMBER 2007 Board WORK SESSION

The ANNUAL WORK SESSION for the new Board will take place on Sunday, December 9th. This meeting allows the time and informal format needed to bring new directors up to speed with the mission and program of work. More time is spent in discussion on the several events on the Chamber schedule, with attention paid to the various committees that are functioning, or need to be functioning! Highlights of this meeting will be shared in the January newsletter.

If you have any issue, suggestion, new idea that you would like for the Board to consider in 2008, please let one of your directors know about it before December 9th.



9. Businesses for Sale: Voyageur Bookstore, Black Bear Store, Bait Box

Voyageur Bookstore in Craig. Purchase just the book/toy/gift store portion of this successful small business. Wheelhouse Coffee Roasters will remain under current ownership.

Turnkey; regionally well known. Great opportunity on POW Island. Serious inquiries only. Gail Slentz 826-2333.



Black Bear Store: Well-established convenience Store and fuel service located in Klawock at the crossroads of Prince of Wales Island. Business includes property, inventory and equipment. Have been open 365 days a year for 25 years. Serious inquiries, call 907-755-2998.

The Bait Box in Craig continues to be up for sale.

Let us know if there are other business opportunities to be added here!

10. Island Guide Task Force

You all became Task Force participants this past month when the PDF file was sent out via email for a second proofreading. Several of you took the time to tell us all was in order with your business listing. There were many changes made in new phone numbers and email addresses, just in the short time since the paperwork was received. And most important, several errors were caught, and everything will be reviewed as many times as possible, with as many pairs of eyes as possible, in order to produce an error-free Island Guide. You will see the Business Directory for one last look!

11. Experience the Island Grind

Have you experienced the monthly Island Grind which is presented the first Saturday of the month at the Craig High School auditorium?? This editor has been out of town for the first three but she is looking forward to what's coming on Saturday, December 1st, starting at 7PM. Take a copy of this newsletter with you, hot off the press, and share it with a neighbor while you wait for the curtains to open up on December's plate of island talent. According to John Bruns and Sally Burch, the acts will include: Southeast Yup'ik Eskimo Dancers, Duncan Brown, Hannah Barr, Mary Bolling, and Gehrig Foster Group, the Dropouts, Ben Darr, the Ralph, Steve, and Cathy Group, and the River People.

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.

12. Board of Directors, WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

President- Jan Bush, **B-3 Contractors** belle@aptalaska.net

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

Vice-President- Karen Cleary, **Cleary Computer Services** kcleary@aptalaska.net

Secretary- Teri Gould, **City of Thorne Bay**, cityclerk@thornebay-ak.gov

Treasurer- Carolyn Chapman, **IFA** cchapman@interislandferry.com

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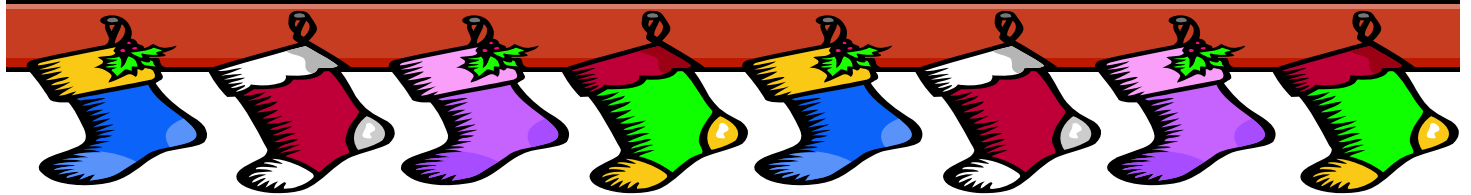
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Director- Jim Seley, **JS Warehouse & Builders Supply** jseley@aptalaska.net

Director- Scott Willburn, **EC Phillips and Son** scottsshop@hotmail.com

Office Manager-Denise Daniels

December Newsletter Editor-Jan Bush



If you have an event to add to the website calendar, Call, email or fax Denise in the office today....!

						<p>1 • Chamber Office manager gone for VISTA training</p> <p>• Thorne Bay Holiday Lighting Contest begins</p> <p>• 1:00 pm : Christian Women's Luncheon</p> <p>• 7:00 pm -10:00 pm : Island Grind</p>
<p>2 • Chamber Office manager gone for VISTA training</p> <p>• Thorne Bay Christmas Tree Gathering</p>	<p>3 • Denise is back in the Chamber Office!</p>	<p>4 • 11:30 am : Elder Holiday Social at Klawock School</p>	5	6	<p>7 • Winter Art Walk (KAAHC)</p> <p>• Middle School Island Basketball Tournament</p>	<p>8 • Middle School Island Basketball Tournament</p> <p>• Thorne Bay Community Dinner and School Program</p> <p>• 10:00 am -4:00 pm : Craig Winter Bazaar</p>
<p>9 • 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm : Hydaburg Christmas Bazaar</p> <p>• 1:00 pm -4:00 pm : Chamber Board of Directors Annual Work Session</p> <p>• 3:00 pm -6:00 pm : Advent Event</p>						