

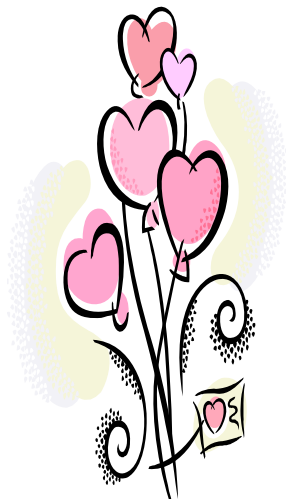


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1. Website factoids will return next month!

We have a new “STAT TRACKER” , so this regular feature will return next month.

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

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!

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3. From the President's Desk:

It may be mid-winter but the calendar for February is busy enough to keep those long dark evenings active!

I invite you to take advantage of the offerings. First of all, there's another Island Grind coming up this Saturday evening. This one has some fun free giveaways to help you celebrate Mardi Gras!

Super Bowl takes place on Sunday February 3rd. I have deep roots in Green Bay so I'll be wearing my green and gold, and I'll be watching for the best commercial.

The Fair and Logging Show committee will be back at work on Monday, February 4th at a meeting in Thorne Bay.

February 5th is Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)! For those who observe the tradition of Lent that begins on Ash Wednesday, February 6th, it's the last chance to eat heartily until Easter on March 22nd.

February 7th, there's an introduction to Toastmasters...see below.

On the 11th, the Chamber is pleased and proud to host Marine Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Winnie for a two-day visit to Prince of Wales Island. He will be speaking at schools and will have a public sharing session. See the details that follow under WHY WE SERVE.

On the 12th, the Board will meet to begin work on that long list of goals that we adopted at our work session.

Forest Products Task Force meeting, Valentine's Day, President's Day, and Leap Year's extra day round out a great month.

On the office front, Denise is back so stop in and welcome her home. Surgery looks good on her! The Guides are here too, so please feel free to help us with the distribution of our 15,000 remaining copies. The other 5000 have already been distributed around POW and the lower 48.

As a separate attachment to this newsletter you are urged to open the 2007 Nominations Form and help us honor Island businesses and individuals who have made notable contributions to POW. We are looking at April dates for this annual event.



4. Toastmasters® Informational Meeting Slated

There will be an informational meeting about Toastmasters on Thursday, February 7th beginning at 7:30 PM at St. John's Catholic Church Hall in Klawock. A veteran toastmaster from Juneau, Jim Donaghey, will share his knowledge of this organization.

What is Toastmasters? No, they don't make toasters!

From a humble beginning in 1924 at the YMCA in Santa Ana, California, Toastmasters International has grown to become a world leader in helping people become more competent and comfortable in front of an audience. The nonprofit organization now has nearly 220,000 members in 11,300 clubs in 90 countries, offering a proven – and enjoyable! – way to practice and hone communication and leadership skills.

Most Toastmasters meetings are comprised of approximately 20 people who meet weekly for an hour or two. Participants practice and learn skills by filling a meeting role, ranging from giving a prepared speech or an impromptu one to serving as timer, evaluator or grammarian.

There is no instructor; instead, each speech and meeting is critiqued by a member in a positive manner, focusing on what was done right and what could be improved.

Good communicators tend to be good leaders. Some well-known Toastmasters alumni include:

Peter Coors of Coors Brewing Company ,**Debbi Fields**, founder of Mrs. Fields Cookies **Tom Peters**, management expert and author , **Linda Lingle**, Governor of Hawaii

There are many good reasons why Toastmasters teaches both communication and leadership skills. People with good communication skills are more likely to be promoted to leadership positions, and good leaders need communication skills to be effective.

For questions, call Chamber president Jan Bush at 755-2375.

5. WHY WE SERVE presentations

On Monday, February 11th, the Chamber will sponsor an appearance by Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Winnie of the United States Marine Corps. The presentation will begin at 7PM at the Craig High School Auditorium. The presentation is a part of the Department of Defense *Why We Serve* initiative.



Why We Serve is a speakers outreach program intended to re-connect the men and women of the United States Armed Forces with those they serve: The American people.

By hosting uniformed service members to speak about their individual experiences in the Long War, audiences around the country are offered a personal view on military service.

The *Why We Serve* speakers do not address issues of Department of Defense policy. Rather, each member relates his or her own experience in a manner that offers Americans a glimpse of military service as can only be seen through the eyes of our uniformed men and women.

Speakers represent the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force, and have recently returned from operations in Afghanistan, Iraq or the Horn of Africa. Audiences may therefore be assured that their representative experience is recent and relevant to the ongoing fight.

Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Winnie is a fifteen year veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He has recently returned from an assignment in Iraq and is speaking to groups around the country about his personal experiences serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In September 2007, CWO Winnie returned from a deployment to Camp Fallujah and Ramadi, Iraq. Upon arrival, Winnie served as a Service Platoon Commander where he was responsible for over 132 Marines who provided power, motor transportation and communications for coalition forces throughout the AL Anbar province.

Winnie is currently assigned to 8th Communication Battalion, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and serves as the Communication Electronics Platoon Commander. The Battalion's mission is to deploy task-organized, self-sustaining combat-ready detachments capable of providing command, control, communications, and computer support.

CWO Winnie's hometown is Everett, Washington. At the age of 15 he moved to Frankfurt, Germany and attended Frankfurt American High School where he graduated. After returning to the United States, Winnie enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1993 and completed Boot Camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

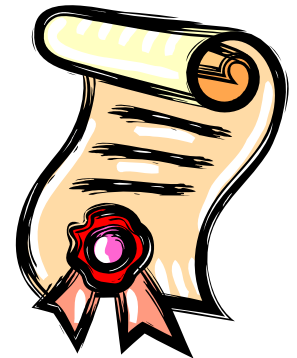
Winnie's decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal; the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2); Combat Action Ribbon; Presidential Unit Citation; the Navy and Marine Corps Unit Commendation; Good Conduct Medal (4); National Defense Service Medal (2); Iraqi Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Medal (5).

6. Annual Awards Event

The ballots for the 2007 Annual Awards are attached to this February newsletter. Please submit your nominations for those who deserve recognition for their contributions to our Island! These include Business of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Junior Citizen of the Year, Youth Leader, Volunteer of the Year and the President's Award for Distinguished Service.

We have invited Governor Palin to choose a late March or April date for her first visit to Prince of Wales Island. We are hoping that she will be able to come and be a part of our Awards presentations. We hope to schedule the event as soon as we hear back from her office travel scheduler. Stay tuned.

We need people to serve on this committee that has a compact time frame from now until the end of April. Please let Jan know if you are interested before she comes begging for your time and talent! The committee will decide on the format (banquet vs. Wine Tasting, formal versus casual), menu, decorations, budget and ticket pricing, door prizes or raffle, etc.!



7. 2008 Island Guides are here

Come on into the office and pick up a supply of the new Island Visitor Guides. We thank **Northland Services** for bringing them to us from Seattle. A big thanks to the crew from **Klawock School** that helped President Bush move 178 boxes from the container into the Chamber office. They are staff member Sonnie Anderson, and students Stuart Robertson and Katie Soderberg. Thanks to **B3 Contractors** and operator Adrian Morris for providing the forklift that put the job at ground level!!

There will also be a supply of boxes at **Black Bear Store** in Klawock if you find the office closed. They are open early and closed late. Thanks to Black Bear for this awesome service.

Many thanks to Director Carolyn Chapman who took numerous boxes to Ketchikan to distribute to our Ketchikan members, visitor attractions and on to the Alaska ferries to Prince Rupert and Bellingham. If anyone is going to Wrangell and Petersburg in the near future, please let us know.

A box has been sent to former director Julie Isom in Juneau for distribution to the Governor and Legislators.

8. January POWCAC meeting report

Chamber directors Jan Bush, Karen Cleary, John Moots, John Bruns, Jim Seley, and Carolyn Chapman attended the POWCAC meeting that was hosted by the City of Craig on January 24th. This is clearly a great start on our goal of being more active in partnership with this organization. There was a great deal of information shared at this meeting, and much of it is crucial to future happenings on POW. On the agenda were presentations about the Reynolds Lake Hydroelectric project, potential land exchanges between the Forest Service and the Mental Health Trust, an update on the annexation issues by the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, and the POW Transportation Priority list.

Jon Bolling, Art King and Elaine Price were re-elected to another term as Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary-Treasure, respectively.

Thanks to the **City of Craig** and **Annie Betty's** for providing a delicious lunch of soup and sandwiches.

The next POWCAC meeting is scheduled for March 18th in Thorne Bay. The Chamber newsletter will be sent to the email list for this organization.

9. Goals.....goals.....goals

The Board met in a work session and reviewed our plan of work for 2008 and beyond. In keeping with our mission, the Board renewed long term goals and added to the Short Term goal list. Here's where we what we would like to accomplish with the help of rejuvenated committees.

- Endorse year round service for the north end ferry service.
- Endorse the implementation of the DOT plan for the upgrade of the Klawock airport which calls for an extended runway, and scheduled air service.
- Endorse reconstruction of the Whale Pass road.
- Endorse the construction or reconstruction of sewer and water projects such as those for Klawock and Coffman Cove.
- Hold a workshop of all Committee Chairs to assess goals and responsibilities. Re-establish working committees, especially Membership and Island Guide.
- Promote reciprocal visit with Queen Charlotte Island Chamber.
- Promote the Employment Board/Volunteer Opportunity Listing at the Chamber office, in the Newsletter and on the Chamber Website.
- Promote a panel presentation of City Officials from POW Cities in regard to long and short range planned improvements in their respective jurisdictions.
- Install Wainscoting in Office.
- Cooperate with POWCAC on issues of mutual interest to the island by attendance at their meetings.
- Set up computer station with wireless capability for the VISTA worker and for Visitor Use
- Construct a Highway Sign for the Chamber office and Visitor Center
- Reestablish working Tourism Committee to guide the VISTA volunteer

10. February Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled at its regular time on Tuesday, February 12th 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. February Forest Products Task Force Meeting

The Forest Products Task Force invites all interested persons to its February meeting on Saturday, the 23rd. It will take place from 10AM until NOON at the Forest Service Conference Room. Ron Wolfe will be back again to finish discussion on the Sealaska Land exchange. There will also be a presentation by Karen Petersen on her visit to England to view biomass facilities.

12. FAIR AND LOGGING SHOW MEETING

After a break of two months, the committee gets back to the tasks of planning the 2008 show. Please join some hard working volunteers on Monday evening, February 4th, 2008 at City Hall in Thorne Bay. A potluck dinner starts at 6PM with the meeting beginning at 6:30 and finishing up by 8PM. For carpooling from the Klawock and Craig communities, call the Office!

On the meeting agenda is a last look at the shopping list, plus some exciting input by some new POW residents who have performed on a log rolling team. Crucial to this committee is an infusion of willing volunteers to carry out specific tasks during the Fair and Logging Show weekend. Step up to the plate and help out where you can! Please. (Jan Bush is looking for a team to run the 2008 Kids Karnival. The Ibarra's have moved south, so is there another team out there that can keep this activity alive and great in 2008?)

13. Committee Members sought for important work

The Chamber seeks to revitalize three of its committees and seeks members from all communities to fill the ranks. The **TOURISM** committee will be chaired by Bruce Jones, General Manager of the **IFA**. This committee will act as a guide for the VISTA worker that the Chamber anticipates receiving for a one year term. This committee will work with the VISTA volunteer to identify tourism related projects in each community to enhance and promote the offerings for the visitors to Prince of Wales Island, particularly for those who are coming for other purposes than fishing and hunting. The Chamber hopes to develop a directory of essential tourist services in each of the communities. Where can an RV owner fill up the water tank or dump waste water? Where are kayaks available for rent? Which communities offer fueling for vehicles and boats? Where can tourists find an open establishment for dining when they arrive on the ferry, or get up hungry the next morning? Please call Bruce at 826-4848 to join this committee and attend its first meeting.

ISLAND GUIDE committee will take a look at the new 2008 Edition and make suggestions for the 2009 edition. The task list for this committee includes developing written policy for advertising, setting ad prices, soliciting the photos to refresh the next edition including the all important cover shot, suggest additional content of interest to POW visitors. Chamber directors Karen Cleary, Gail Colberg and Jim Seley have all stated their interest in serving on this committee. Please call the Chamber office to leave your name if you are interested in working with this important committee

The **MEMBERSHIP** Committee will aid the chamber in building its membership, recognizing new and renewing members, personal contact with each member, and increasing benefits. One of the items on the "wish list" for this committee is to develop a recognition program for members. Please call the Chamber office to let us know of your interest in this committee. Call Jan Bush if you have specific questions or ideas.

14. FEBRUARY 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, February 2nd will have a Mardi Gras flavor. The fun time starts at 7PM. Performers include the Craig High School Drama, Girl Scout Troop 252, Bear Mountain Bluegrass, Tribute Band, The Dropouts, and the River People. You are invited to wear a costume to this family event, and you might even walk away with some additional *bling* to your wardrobe!



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. Board of Directors, WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY LEAP YEAR!

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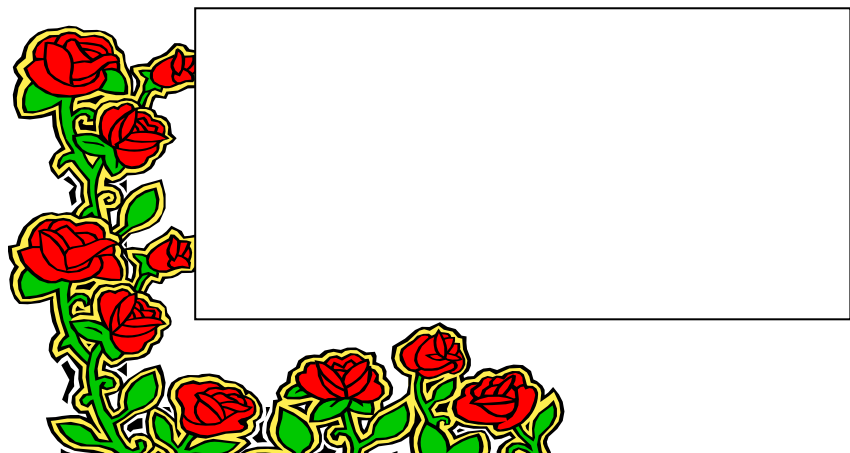
If you have an event to add to the website calendar, Call, email or fax Denise in the office today....



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