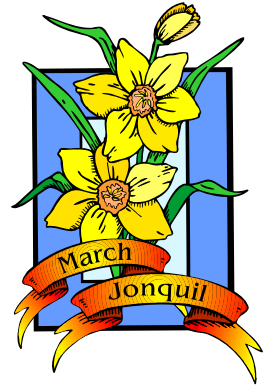




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1. Website factoids from our new “stat tracker”!

For the first 28 days of February, this is the data from our new tracking program. There were 1407 unique visitors, 1091 first time visitors, 316 returning visitors. Our tracking capacity will be expanded so we can share other facts about our visitors.

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

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3. From the President's Desk:

I am working on this month's newsletter from Yuma, Arizona! I will put out an interim newsletter in mid March with any missing news or critical updates. E-news is the way that most

Chambers across the country are sharing their news.

I am very excited to have two committees meeting and making progress on projects. Be sure to read the reports from the Tourism and Fair and Logging Show meetings. Committees to "guide the guide" and to concentrate on Membership are the other two committees that I would like to see formed and working to improve those aspects of our Chamber work. Please consider taking on one of these projects for the betterment of your Chamber and your POW Island.

The deadline for 2007 Award nominations is coming up in two weeks. Please give this annual recognition some serious thought and submit names of those deserving businesses and individuals who have benefited your communities or your island during this past year or have been long-term volunteers behind the scenes! There are many awesome citizens out there who are due for some special attention. The first step comes from you in naming them! They don't need to be members of the Chamber....they just need to be residents of POW.

We are approaching mid Chamber-year in April. Please encourage businesses and individuals to support us by joining up through our mid-year membership drive!

Because of a request from an island resident, the Board of Directors is working on written policy to add a Classified Ads section to our website. This will be for members only to advertise their properties for sale. The board will review a draft as soon as possible to get this up and running.

4. STACK THE RACK!

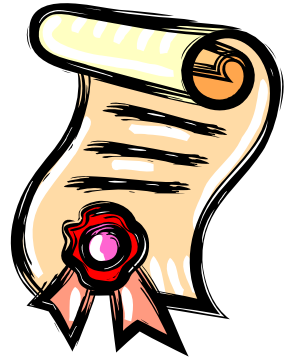
Make sure that you deliver your new brochures to the office for the Chamber Member's Information rack. These brochures are also included in relocation packets that are sent out upon request from all over the country. Denise calls when your supply gets low but she doesn't know if you have created new ones for 2008!

5. Annual Awards Event

The ballots for the 2007 Annual Awards are due back in on March 15th. Now that you have had a month to consider your nominations, it is time to fill in the form and return to the office. 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.

No word so far from the governor on our invitation to join us for the annual recognition event.

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.!



6. 2008 Island Guides

If you are traveling to Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg and beyond, please take some Island Guides with you to leave behind!

7. POWCAC Meeting

The next POWCAC meeting is scheduled for March 19th in Thorne Bay. We will email the agenda and any changes to the schedule out to Chamber members once it is received from Jon Bolling, reelected to Chair this advisory committee for another year. Your attendance is encouraged at this gathering that focuses on Island-wide issues.

8. MARCH Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled at its regular time on Tuesday, March 11th 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.



9. Tourism Committee holds first meeting, sets goals

The newly resurrected Tourism Committee met for a working lunch on February 14th at the IFA offices in Craig. Thanks to Chair Bruce Jones and his team for spearheading this needed effort. Thanks also to Roberta Landgren for supplying us with a report of this exciting meeting! The meeting was well attended and several POW communities were represented.

The Committee has launched a challenge to come up with a list of 103 things to do on Prince of Wales Island. Committee and IFA member Joan Wargi is gathering the ideas and suggestions for this list. If you want to get involved, send your unique ideas to Joan, or better yet, join the committee at its next meeting.

Another important goal that is being undertaken by this committee is an inventory of essential services that are available on POW. This effort will meet the very real need for an Essential Services Directory for our visitors.

The committee wishes to develop cooperation between the communities for tourist activities. Other ideas voiced at the meeting include a virtual POW tour on our website and playing POW promotional videos on the Ferry.

What a great meeting! The next one is scheduled as a Brown Bag Working lunch at noon on March 27th at the IFA offices in Craig.

10. FAIR AND LOGGING SHOW MEETING

The March meeting of the Fair and Logging Show is scheduled for Monday, March 10th. If you want to be included on the mailing list for this committee, please let Denise know in the office. We will add your name to the address book for receiving notices on meetings.

A huge thanks to the McFarland's for gathering the shopping list items and adding them to their freight load heading this way. What a savings this has provided to the committee to stretch the budget.

11. Committee Members sought for important work

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.

12. MARCH Island Grind this Saturday to have a Celtic flavor



Have you experienced the monthly Island Grind which is presented the first Saturday of the month at the Craig High School auditorium?? This Saturday, March 1st will have a Celtic flavor. The fun time starts at 7PM. Performers include the Craig High School Drama, Ralph Mackie, Karen Coffey and Cathy Bolling, The Dropouts, Mary and Grace Bolling and Noah Castle, the River People, and any others who may be added before the curtain opens.

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.

13. Board of Directors, WISHING YOU A Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Happy Easter!

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MARCH Newsletter Editor-Jan Bush

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

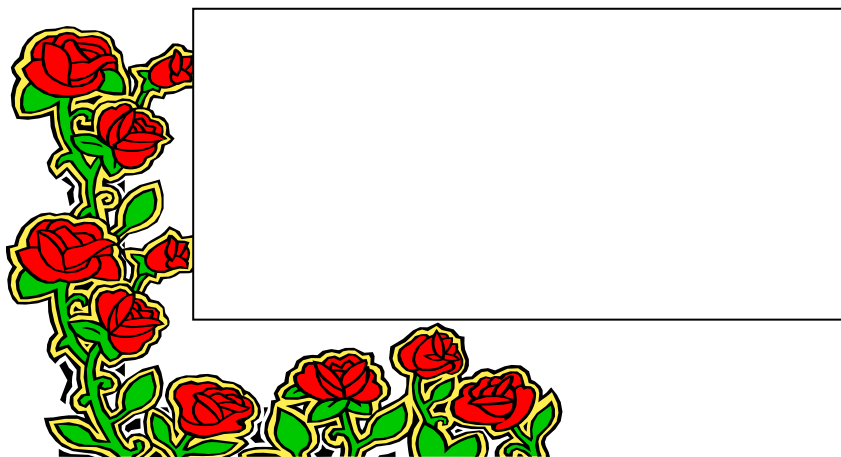
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Your February Newsletter!