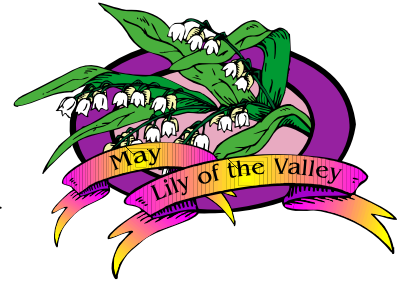




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1. Website factoids for the period April 1—April 30:

The Chamber website experienced 316,541 hits, an average of 10551 per day. Unique visitors totaled 12,623. Of these new visitors, 3684 visited just once, and 8939 returned for a second look!

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

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.

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Islandwolf Furs P.O. Box 418. Craig, AK. 99921/ Dugout@aptalaska.net/ (907) 826-2172 Fax same # / I seal and prepare Bear hides for shipping. I also do Taxidermy work on Deer, Bear & Wolf mounts

3. From the President's Desk:

We welcome Budd Burnett and Kim Swainson to the Chamber Board of Directors. They replace Scott Willburn and Gail Colberg. Read more about them in Section 16.

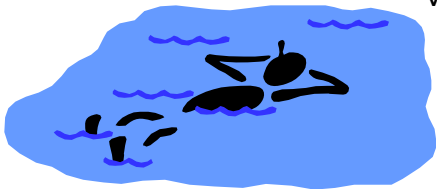
This month, the Board is hoping to make personal "house calls" to most of our members on Prince of Wales. This will replace our usual monthly Board meeting. We have a delivery to make, as well as wanting your input on any issue you want to bring up while you have the face to face attention of a board member.

May 5th is the deadline for the scholarship applications. Awards will be made at the High School graduation ceremonies across the island. Our June newsletter will report the award recipients as well as the generous underwriters who make these annual awards a reality.

The Fair and Logging Show committee enters its most important series of meetings, and this annual effort is in great need of more volunteers. Please consider how you or any of your family or employees might step up to help with one of the many many tasks needing to be done.

There's some great stuff happening in all the committees and the effort of all these committee volunteers is much appreciated. Reports from committees are included in this newsletter and I invite you to read them and get involved in what interests you and helps our Island too!

POWCAC heads for Kasaan in May. I'll be forwarding any information on that meeting as I receive it from Jon Bolling, Chairperson for this Council.



The Incredible Journey of Bill Altland was a great presentation and we also made \$180 for the POW Cancer Coalition in the 50-50 raffle because Deneise Weyhmiller gave her half back! Thanks!

I head for Anchorage this month for the Gold Nugget Women's Triathlon, which is run on May 18th this year. I join my daughter and 1398 other female participants for this triple challenge.

4. CLASSIFIED ADS ON WEBSITE...worth repeating

The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce has added to its member benefits. 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. NOTARY IN THE OFFICE

Denise is a Notary Public now and is available to all our members during office hours. If you need a document notarized, stop in and take advantage of this free service to our members.



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:

Craig High School Student Council
Islandwolf Furs, Sherry Preston, owner /operator

7. Island Guide Advisory Committee

Chamber of Commerce Vice President Karen Cleary led an advisory meeting for the POW Island Guide Committee on Tuesday, April 29th at 6PM at the Chamber office in Klawock. Attending this meeting with Karen were Jeannie McFarland, Jan Stevens, Verne Fabry, and Office Manager Denise Daniels.

Recommendations for changes to the present practices that are used in the production of the Prince of Wales Island Guide were drafted by this group. They will be considered by the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors at a later meeting in order to set written policy for premium advertising space in the Guide. Premium spaces in the publication include the back page, inside front cover and inside back cover.

These advertising opportunities will be spelled out in a future newsletter, and will be detailed in the membership renewal packets sent out in August.

The foundations were laid for a working committee to focus on the 2009 Island Guide. This committee will endeavor to do most of the decision making by email in order to minimize the need for meetings. If you want to be involved in this effort, please email or call the office to express your interest, and leave your contact information.

8. Marathon Miles remain for “adoption”



The POW International Marathon will be run on Saturday, May 24th and the two-week period from May 9th through May 23rd is the clean up timeframe for the 52+ miles of roadside along the route from Hollis to the Craig Ballpark finish line.

There are a couple miles close to the Starting Line that need to be adopted and cleaned up before the Marathon. Please consider being a “litter picker upper”. You can call Jan Stevens at 755-2114 to volunteer.

Jan says a big thanks to all those who have volunteered thus far.

Safety vests, gloves, and litter bags are all supplied to the volunteers.

9. Scholarship Underwriting Campaign for 2008 Graduates

Underwriting is still being accepted for the 2008 Graduate Awards. As of the last day of April, a total of \$3500 has been contributed or pledged by 16 different businesses and individuals. This amount will fund seven scholarships. Last year the Chamber awarded 17, all made possible through the generosity of Island businesses and individuals.

The scholarship applications are due May 5th, at which time we hope to have enough funding to match the number of received applications. Please contact Jan Bush if you would like to have an underwriting packet emailed to you. If you know some of this year's graduates, this is a great way to provide scholarship money and save on taxes at the same time.

10. MAY Board Meeting replaced by site visits

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors will not be held during the month of May. Instead, the board and office manager will try to make as many personal calls on our members as possible.



11. Ketchikan Chamber: kudos for POW's Junior Misses

The Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce recently sent a letter that was too nice to keep to ourselves:

“We had to share with you the impact Heather Halvorsen and Sarah Jones from your community had on us.

Ketchikan Alaska recently had the pleasure of hosting the Alaska Junior Miss Program in March of this year and met ten amazing young women from around the state. Our program is part of the National America's Junior Miss Scholarship Program, which promotes a “Be Your Best Self” message focusing on education, fitness and nutrition, goal setting and achievement, community achievement, and living by moral standards.

The participants in this program spent a week in our community preparing for the program, which awarded scholarships based on talent, interview skills, scholastics, self expression and fitness. In addition to preparing for the program, the young women met with our Chamber, worked with Children and lovingly spent an afternoon with local seniors.

Those of us who had the pleasure of spending time with these young women were inspired by their talent, motivation, hard work ethic and kindness throughout the week. We want to make sure you are aware of the amazing young women your community has produced and hope that you find an opportunity to acknowledge them through your local Chamber”

Congratulations to Heather Halvorsen and Sarah Jones!

12. FAIR AND LOGGING SHOW MEETING

Come and join this hard working committee on Monday, May 5th at 6:30 PM at the Thorne Bay City Hall. There won't be a potluck preceding the meeting so that we can just get to work on the task list. Many more volunteers are needed, desperately. Most critical on this list right now is a person willing to coordinate the FAIR and EXHIBIT HALL. With all the awesome craftpersons on POW, it would be a great shame if there were not a forum to enjoy their creations.

There are great opportunities for groups to make money for their purposes: food vendors are needed. A food permit is needed so please allow enough time to secure the permit as well as the ingredients.

We are looking for a group to man the entry booths which will have buttons, t-shirts and suspenders for sale. This group will be compensated this year from the button sales.

A group to run the two-day Kid's carnival is needed. The Chamber supplies the games and the prizes, but 12 to 15 people are needed to run the games during the two days. This will also be a revenue opportunity for a responsible group.

13. TOURISM Committee REPORT

Bruce Jones, Chair, called the meeting to order at noon on April 15th, as everyone snacked on the sack lunches that they had brought.

Present were Bruce Jones, Carolyn Chapman, Joan Wargi, Roberta Landgren, Victoria Merritt, all from Craig, and Jeannie McFarland from Thorne Bay, and Denise Daniels from the POW Chamber, and Greg and Beverly Parsley from Naukati.

Each person that attended the last meeting was going to write down and deliver to Joan Wargi to compile, all of the Things To Do on POW. The committee would like to gather a list of 103 Things to Do on Prince of Wales. Everyone gave Joan their lists. It seemed more than 103. Joan will put all of the ideas together on one list and email them to all of the members.

The POW Island Guide was discussed. Denise Daniels mentioned that the Chamber had sent out letters to each community to update their history section. Only a couple communities updated their write-ups. This committee will try to help get updates for the Chamber Island Guide committee. The deadline for the info for the Island Guide is early October.

Victoria Merritt showed the group the walking map that was printed for Craig. Everyone was impressed.

Greg and Beverly Parsley reported on this year's Mud Boggs in Naukati. They have a new area this year that the USFS approved. A television crew will be coming up for the July race and do a film. Naukati is working toward getting an old steam donkey for their waterfront. Naukati is also having a barge collect scrap iron for disposal.

It was mentioned that Phil Salmon, from the USFS had suggested making an Island-wide DVD. Roberta Landgren suggested asking Jay Landgren and Josh Andrew for help on this project.

The committee decided to each take a community and prepare a list of the essential services that community offers and to bring the list to the next meeting.

It was mentioned that the POWCAC meeting in July is in Whale Pass.

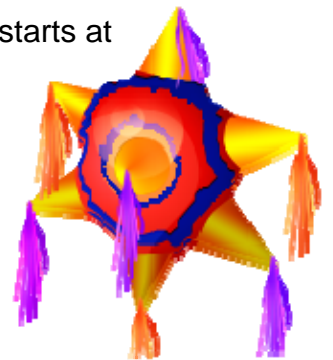
When a date is set for the next Tourism Committee, Bruce will notify each member via email.

14. MAY Island Grind is a fiesta!

Saturday, May 10th will be a South of the Border fiesta! The fun time starts at 7PM. Ole! Bravo! Bienvenido a todos!

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 Susan Fisher, CEO, Tongass Federal Credit Union

Klawock, here we come! Tongass Federal Credit Union will open its second branch on POW in the Klawock Market mercantile area during our Grand Opening Thursday and Friday, May 23-24. Watch our website www.tongassfcu.com for details. (We just celebrated our 2nd anniversary in Thorne Bay.)

TFCU, now 45 years old, was founded by Ketchikan teachers and public employees, and today is a community credit union with branches in Ketchikan, Metlakatla and Thorne Bay.

Ginger Walgenbach will manage our Klawock Branch and Kerri Gefre and Dawn Boley are Member Service Representatives. Our regular hours will be Tuesdays-Fridays, 3-6 p.m. and Saturdays, noon-3 p.m.

If you've never belonged to a credit union, rest assured: we are not a bank. We are a financial cooperative, owned by our members, a not-for-profit business with modern services and a great internet banking program. We've been a member of POW Chamber of Commerce for years.

TFCU has about \$35 million in assets. About 15% of our accounts belong to youth under age 18. We serve businesses, clubs, organizations, governmental entities, entrepreneurs, families and non-profits. Check us out!

I personally invite the business community to meet me on Tuesday, May 6, at either of two sessions: 11 a.m. at the Klawock Heenya Corporation, and at 4:00 p.m. at the Craig High School.

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.

16. New Director profiles

Kim Swainson: I was born and raised in Billings, Montana, where my family still lives. My "partner in life" is Mike Johnson and we have no children; however, we have 3 "fur-babies" Jake (big dog), Sister (new puppy who is not officially named yet), and Skippyjon (kitty). We live out Port St Nicholas Road. I was employed in the fishing industry for almost 17 years, which is what brought me to Alaska in the first place. I traveled the coast of Alaska on a floating fish processor from Southeast to Nome and out to Atka Island for the first 6 years and then landed in Petersburg for the next 9 years. While in Petersburg, I was very active with the Women of the Moose, serving as an officer and a member of their Ritual Team for 7 years. I moved to Craig in 2000 and have been at First Bank since January 2003. I enjoy working with "the Public" and look forward to my involvement with the Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce.

Budd Burnett: Born and raised in Ogden, Utah. Dob 4/26/39. Associate of Science Degree from Weber State College, Ogden; Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Utah, Salt Lake City. Three sons: Randy, 48, contractor painter; Mark, 46, Jeweler; Bret, 44, owner of Inside Passage Integrated Control Systems, Juneau. I have six grandchildren-two from each son.

Thirty-two year resident of Alaska, 12 years in Anchorage and 20 years in Hollis. Currently serve as President of Hollis Community Council, Member of Hollis Volunteer Fire Department, member of Harris River Recreation and Access Committee, and member of POW Community Advisory Council.

Twenty-five years of writing and editorial experience and finalized my career in 1988 as General Manager-Alaska Operations for Petroleum Information Corporation. I then moved to Prince of Wales Island to build my retirement home-which has developed growing pains and is still a work in progress.

17. Board of Directors



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Contributions by Kim Swainson, Budd Burnett, Susan Fisher, Blaine Ashcraft, Carolyn Chapman

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



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