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Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow. Edward Sandford Martin

NOVEMBER is a busy month, especially this first week. Take advantage of the Health Fair at Craig High School on the 1st, attend the Island Grind that evening, turn your clocks back when you get Home so Sunday the 2nd will find you on schedule and not one hour early everywhere you go, do vote on Tuesday the 4th, and watch the Regional Volleyball tournament hosted by Craig High School starting on November 6th!

Thanksgiving is on the 27th of November this year, but why wait? I thank all of our members for your support of the Chamber of Commerce during this past membership year. Thanks to all our members who have renewed their membership, and to all who we welcome to our ranks for the first time.

In these tough, volatile economic times, the continued support of the Chamber is especially appreciated. We need the support of all of you to keep a full time person in the office, and to produce a first class Island Guide to promote Prince of Wales and our businesses throughout the island and beyond. Every membership and purchased advertising is critical to our very lean operating budget.

Thank you so much to my fellow members of the Board of Directors who have served our Chamber over the past year. Special thanks to Karen Cleary, who has resigned to allow herself some time and more effort on the other Boards of which she is a part.





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1. Website factoids for the month of OCTOBER

OCTOBER'S web hits through OCTOBER 29th were a whopping **1,643,207!** OCTOBER'S total visits were **11,243.** Behind the **USA, Brazil, Canada, and Australia** were the countries with the most visitors. **Monday** was the most active day, and **2 to 3 PM** was the most active time of day. **Google** was the top search engine used to find us with about 82 percent!

2. Chamber POWer Sponsors for NOVEMBER Edition

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.

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.

Islandwolf Furs P.O. Box 418. Craig, AK. 99921/ [Dugout@aptalaska.net/](mailto: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.

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. ATMs located at First Bank and at West Wind Plaza in Craig.

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

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 Coffees, Bags, Purses, Sachets, Placemats, Tablecloths & Computer Bags from Italy & France. Your One-Stop Shop for Luxury!

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

Diversified Investments & Insurance – Ketchikan/ 907-225-9805 / Angela C Salazar, CFP & Associates / Health & Life Insurance and Financial Advisory Services – Securities sold through KMS Financial Services, Inc. We have been serving Alaskan's needs since 1980.

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. Chamber Elections

The ballots for directors and a bylaw amendment will be sent out to our members about the same time as this newsletter. Two weeks ago, we had eight candidates for six spots. Today we have seven spots and seven candidates.

Changing circumstances is something we can always count on! Karen Cleary resigned her seat this past week. Karen has at least three other board commitments, where she is either the President or Vice President, and she needs to devote some of her time to them, and get back some for herself!!! Jim Seley decided not to take on another term with his very busy life.

We are thankful to find willing members to serve on the board!

Please take the time to read the biographies to learn about the backgrounds of the directors who will lead the Chamber into the future.

The board voted and approved an amendment to change our bylaws concerning the requirements for a quorum at our board meetings. This item is also on the ballot and requires a vote of the general membership in order to become official. An explanation of this measure is included after the biographical paragraphs about the candidates.

4. NOVEMBER 2008 BOARD MEETING

The NOVEMBER Board meeting will take place Thursday the 20TH at the Chamber office, at 6pm. All are welcome to attend. The new board will take their places at the table, certify the election results, and begin its organization of the new one year terms of office. This meeting is a week later than usual. Jan will be out of town until the 12th. Denise may be going south to greet a new grandchild and to assist her daughter with the care of the older grandchild for a few days. Jan is attending a polish family wedding in Wisconsin.



5. ISLAND GRIND ON NOVEMBER 1st: the Ghoul's Grind

Saturday, November 1st is the day, 7PM is the time, and the Craig High School auditorium is the place. In addition to the Dessert contest, come in costume and bring your scariest sound for two additional competitions!

Join the Island Grind team for a Performance Production Workshop at 1PM until 3PM to learn the tricks of the trade of a stage crew.

Afraid of performing? There will be an open-Mic Workshop from 3PM to 4PM. This is a great chance to polish your act and work on stage fright.

Buy tickets at the door! 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.

6. BUSINESS HAPPENINGS

The Village Marketplace will be held on Saturday November 8th and Saturday, November 15th. This is POW's rendition of the Saturday Markets held in so many places throughout the country. Located at the Thibodeau Mini-Mall across from Thompson House, this event provides an opportunity for local artisans, home-based entrepreneurs, professional crafters and fundraising for local groups or organizations.

Great local shopping includes spectacular photography, wood carving and hand-crafted furniture, jewelry, clothing, candles, quilts and much more.

Hours are from 10AM to 3PM. Spaces start at \$10/day and can be reserved by calling Briana at 401-0249 or Henry at 755-2594.

7. Welcome to our Newest Members.

The Chamber welcomes our newest of our 10 new members. Thank you for your valuable support of our island community.

**Beachcomber B & B, Bill and Cindy Bennett, Craig
The Healing Touch, Nancy Abbott, Klawock**

8. Island Guide Update

Our Guide producer, Gregg Poppen of Full Circle Graphic Arts of Ketchikan, is working on the Island Guide production as photos, feature articles, updated information and new advertising is submitted to him.

The Chamber hopes to have all the pieces to him by mid-November, with proof reading to take place as the different sections of the Guide are returned to us. Typically this exercise goes through many waves.

Of paramount importance is the Business Directory which contains all of the information supplied by our members about their business, contact numbers, and description of services. Good vision and an eye for extreme accuracy are needed to ensure that this section is perfect!

Members can help by returning all the paperwork that was included in the renewal packets. The office is suffering from extra effort to reproduce all the forms that do not come back with the renewals. These sheets are the PRIMARY RESOURCES used throughout the year to confirm information and to pass on information to people who call the office looking for specific information.

9. POWCAC meeting

The November meeting of POWCAC will be held in the City of Klawock Council Chambers and will start at 1PM on November 18th. Instead of a luncheon, POWCAC members will join the Opening ceremonies across the way at the Klawock Senior Center.