



Hello Fellow Chamber Members,

Let's talk networking! This month we will have another business after hours at Cedar Grill on February 25th, from 5-7pm. In today's market it is of vital importance that we stick together and help each other grow our businesses. I will also make it a point for the remainder of my term to encourage more events like this as well as a opportunity to introduce your business and its services in 15 seconds or less at each luncheon. So make sure your showing up to our regular meetings. Come a little early, you never know who you might meet.

In August we will have another "Prime Time for Business" event on the third Wednesday in August, so mark your calendars now! More details to come on this one. We are striving to provide a return on your investment in your chamber and will continue to add more opportunities for you to build your business!

Also, if you're interested in hosting a *Business After Hours* event, please contact Sue or me and we will get you on the calendar. It is a chance to gain a lot of exposure for relatively little investment.

Thanks and I wish you all the best!

Bill Woodcock
President

President Bill Woodcock Welcomes New Board Member: Doug Corbin, Puget Sound Energy



Doug Corbin has accepted the invitation to fill the unexpired board position recently vacated by Diana Ludke. Doug is a member of the Community Services group at Puget Sound Energy and has been actively involved in the Maple Valley – Black Diamond Chamber for the last four years. Prior to his position in Community Services Doug spent several years in PSE Operations group where he managed engineering and new construction activities for South King County. Doug has been with PSE for over 30 years and has been active in numerous community events. He has been involved with several area chambers as well as Rotary (past president) and the Master Builders Association.

The Greater Maple Valley-Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for **Riada Staffing Options** to celebrate their newly remodeled office. **Riada Staffing Options** offers temporary and direct hire placement in all fields.



Riada Staffing now offers employers local and affordable pre-employment drug and background screening.

- Drug Screening: 5 panel: \$25.00, 10 panel: \$35.00
Additional alcohol screen: \$ 5.00
- Background Check: 7 or 10 yr: \$50.00,
- Group discounts offered on 10 or more

Call today to see how they can help secure qualified candidates for your next position.

Riada Staffing Options

23220 Maple Valley Hwy. SE, Suite 9 * Maple Valley

Phone: 425-432-5955 Fax: 425-432-1240

Check out their website: www.riadastaffing.com

Pictured left to right:

Shane Davies, Windermere Maple Valley; Victoria Jonas, Maple Valley City Councilor; Karen Crow, EnviroSpect Northwest; Michael Crowe, Pinnacle Home Inspections; Michele O'Laughlin, Riada Staffing Options; Michelle Many; Kevin Patterson, Tahoma School District; Jack and Kim Emmons, John L. Scott Maple Valley; Clyde and Carolyn Tolliver, Tolliver's Travel; Jim Flynn, Flynn Development.

CONGRATULATIONS ON RECENT AWARDS!!!

Bruce Hudson, Chamber member and local resident, was recently honored by Ivar's Seafood for his new book, **The Relationographer- The Art of Relationship Marketing!** In the book, Bruce discusses the concept of relationship marketing and the biggest mistake that every business is guilty of! Other Chamber members featured in the book are **Java Java Coffee Company** and **Dr. Danny and Joel Rude DDS.**

For the second consecutive year, Chamber member **MultiCare**, was ranked among the Top Ten centers in the U.S in the annual listings of integrated local and regional health networks!

Happy 40th Anniversary, Voice of the Valley!!!



Saturday, April 25th

Maple Valley's Annual Opening Day Trout Derby &
Fishermen's Breakfast At Lake Wilderness
Friday, April 24th, 5pm Camping in The Park

Thank you to our Major, Big Fish Sponsors!

**Johnsons Home & Garden, John L. Scott ♦ Maple Valley & Mortgage Master of Maple Valley
J.R. Hayes and Sons & R & H Mining**

and our specialty sponsors !

**Automated Networking, "Sir Lucas", The Tagged Fish ♦ BECU, Camping in the Park
Malone's Landscape & Nursery, The Fish Pen ♦ Dr. Scott Bennion, Maple Valley Vision Clinic, Fish School
Allstate, The Jenson Agency @ Four Corners, Fins & Grins!**

Go to www.maplevalley.com and click on "Hooked On Fishing" for more information.

For sponsorship opportunities and volunteer fun, please call Sue on her cell at 206.856.1342!

FORE!!!! Join Our Business League Golf Team!

The Chamber is fielding a team for the Monday Night Business Golf League! League play is every Monday evening April 6th - September 14th. (except Memorial Day and Labor Day). The team will be comprised of four members and six alternates, ten members total. Everyone gets to play! You must be a member in good standing (current dues paid) and be a golfer!

Tim Mickelson of Genworth Financial is our Team Captain! Call him today if you want to play! 425.584.7311.

KUMMER BRIDGE TO REOPEN JULY, 3RD.

Economic Help For Businesses Affected by the Kummer Bridge Closure

According to Jamie Holter, Public Information Officer for Washington State Department of Transportation, the Kummer Bridge over the Green River is scheduled to reopen July 3rd.

For updates on the bridge repairs, go to <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR169/GreenRiverRepair/default.htm>

Disaster Assistance Available due to floods, snow, and bridge closure!

Declarations for disaster and economic injury have been declared by the Federal Government. These declarations make low-interest SBA loans available to help small businesses and most private, non-profit organizations meet financial needs caused by the bridge closure.

- Declaration 11631 due to the Kummer Bridge Closure, applications accepted until October 13, 2009.
- Declaration 11640 due to the snowstorms occurring December 12, 2008 thru January 5, 2009, applications accepted through October 30, 2009.
- Declaration 11641, 11642 due to flooding and landslides occurring between January 6 thru January 16, 2009, application deadline for physical damage is March 31, 2009, Economic Injury deadline is thru October 30, 2009.

For more information, please go to www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance

A **FEMA Disaster Recovery Center** is now open in Auburn at the Supermall (inside, opposite Sam's Club).

Center Hours are 9am-7pm, Monday-Saturday; 9am -6pm, Sundays.

Disaster Assistance is also available by **phone 1.800.621.FEMA** or **online at www.disasterassistance.gov**

Assistance is available for home or business loans, housing assistance, grants for special needs, tax assistance, unemployment assistance, and agricultural assistance.

Waste Management and the **City of Maple Valley** have partnered to provide **free** environmental audits to local small businesses within the City of Maple Valley corporate city limits! The audits will be performed by Cascadia Consulting, sustainability specialists, on behalf of Waste Management.

The environmental audit is an on-site, *non-regulatory inspection*, designed to give small businesses an opportunity to: Identify opportunities for conservation, identify opportunities for cost savings, provide you with a list of quick recommendations and resources to get you started.

How do I sign up for this audit? Call Laura Moser at Waste Management at 253-804-5730 or go to: www.wmnorthwest.com/seattle





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The City of Black Diamond's 50th Anniversary Calendar is Now on Sale, \$5 each!

◆ Wonderful Collection of Black Diamonds Past & Present ◆ Features "50 Great Things to Do in Black Diamond"
 Calendars are available at: Black Diamond City Hall, Black Diamond Community Center, Black Diamond Historical Depot Museum, Leih's Gifts, Mt. Rainier Bank and The Greater Maple Valley-Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Calendar

Feb 5 City Manager's Business Breakfast
 Maple Valley Community Center, 7:45am

Feb 18 Chamber Luncheon
 Lake Wilderness Golf Course, 11:30am-1:00pm

Feb 11 Chamber Day
 Capitol Campus , Olympia 8:00-6:45 pm

Feb 19 Black Diamond 50th Anniversary Event Kick Off
 Black Diamond Community Center, 6:00 pm

Feb 12 Fishing Derby Meeting
 Lake Wilderness Lodge, 1:00 pm

Feb 25 Business After Hours
 Cedar Grill, 5:00-7:00 pm

Feb 13 Business Development Committee
 Windermere Real Estate M. V., 9:30-10:45am

For more information on these and other community events visit our website. To request an event to be posted on the website, simply click on "Submit a New Event", complete the information form and click on the "Submit for Approval" button. It is that easy!

Feb 16 President's Day - Office Closed

We are driving business home to
www.maplevalley.com &
www.blackdiamondwachamber.org

City Council Meetings

City of Black Diamond
 First and Third Thursdays of every month,
 Public Comment
 7:00 pm, Black Diamond Council Chambers City Hall
www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us

City of Maple Valley
 First and Third Mondays—study sessions
 Second and Fourth Mondays—regular sessions, Public Comment
 7:00 pm, Tahoma School District Board Room
www.ci.maple-valley.wa.us

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