





Dear Fellow Chamber Members,

As we come to the end of the school year and the end of the Chamber year, I have come to realize that it has just flown by. We've had a very successful year at the Greater Maple Valley-Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce. We started where our Past President Shane Davies left off, putting together a great 'Business After Hours' at the Lake Wilderness Golf course back in July of '08. We then hit the ground running by bringing back the August luncheon meeting and that very evening the team pulled off a very successful 'PrimeTime For Business' celebration. This new event was a huge success and a great time to get to know our new members and network, network, network! Our President's Dinner in October was a blast; a little gambling, lots of great food and drink, Elvis, and of course, lots of social networking!

We welcomed the holiday season by giving all of you the month of December off, (actually it was Mother Nature that did that). We started the New Year off strong focusing on monthly meetings to help you sustain and grow your business. Of course we cannot forget 'Hooked On Fishing' and what a huge success it was again this year. It is amazing how our organization and others pull together to make this a much anticipated annual event for the entire community. To top it off, the tagged fish was caught! Weighing in at 101oz, it was one big fish!

It is fitting to finish where we started this year, with a 'Business After Hours' this week at Lake Wilderness Golf Course on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30. I hope you all can make this as it will be another fun night of good food, wine tasting, a putting contest and of course, *networking!* We are also doing PrimeTime For Business again in August; another great opportunity to showcase your business to other chamber members and the public. Space is limited so be sure to call the chamber office today!

I want to thank you all for such a great year; it has been a wonderful year and I really enjoyed being your President. I look forward to welcoming Kevin Kalberg as our new president; I know the Chamber is in great hands with Kevin at the helm. Thank you again for allowing me to serve you as your president and I encourage everyone to get involved. It is amazing what can be accomplished if we work together!

Thank you,

**Bill Woodcock, President**

## UPCOMING 'BUSINESS AFTER HOURS' EVENTS

### JUNE 10TH LAKE WILDERNESS GOLF COURSE

25400 Witte Road, Maple Valley

Join Chamber members and guests for some casual "Connecting, Communicating, and Collaborating" while enjoying a no-host bar, appetizers, music, & wine sampling.

Activities include a putting contest and a raffle!

**TAHOMA ATHLETIC CLUB IN JULY**

## Member Spotlight! Chantel Wolters of Decor&You Earns CID Certification

Chamber member Chantel Wolters announced today that she has earned national CID certification in the interior decorating profession through Certified Interior Decorators International (CIDI). She joins an elite class of professionals in the U.S. design industry, where fewer than ten percent hold professional designations, according to CIDI's president, Ron Renner. For Chantel, becoming CID-certified has helped her make a statement about what she offers clients who care about their real estate investments. "As a professionally trained decorator who has seen the interiors of homes and businesses, I know that living and working in a fully decorated space adds tremendous value, both to personal quality of life, and equity preservation and enhancement," commented Wolters. "I want people in Maple Valley and the surrounding area to be aware of how accessible I am, and how a beautifully decorated interior – and the advantages that go with it – are definitely within reach, and closer than you think!" she added.

As a Decor&You, CID-certified decorator, Wolters has completed 200 hours of advanced studies in decorating, much of it at the organization's training center in Southbury, Conn. According to Decor&You national training manager, Linda Gottlieb, "Wolters emerged from Decor&You training with substantial capabilities to bring spaces to life through fundamentally good decorating, but also to become a smart business owner and project manager who can protect clients from the nuances of the furniture industry," noted Gottlieb.

**For more information on Décor& You and all our chamber members, go to our website!**



## New to the Chamber office, Susie Davies

Susie has taken over the position of Office Manager, replacing Melanie Johnson. Susie grew up in the Maple Valley area and graduated from Tahoma High School. Susie still lives in Maple Valley with her husband Shane, raising their two wonderful children, Jacob and Jessica who also attend Tahoma. She's enjoying working with The Chamber and being even more involved in the community that she loves.

## LAUNCH OF NEW PREFERRED BUSINESS DIRECTORY FOR 2009-10

Cheryl Lepper of Spokane Art Works will be contacting all Chamber members beginning the week of June 15, 2009.

Remember, listings and advertising in this directory are available to Chamber members only!

Cheryl Lepper, Spokane Art Works 509-624-9971 [clepper@spokaneartworks.com](mailto:clepper@spokaneartworks.com)

### KUMMER BRIDGE UPDATE

This is good news! When representatives from the cities of Black Diamond and Enumclaw and I met with the engineers from WSOT, we were told **'they are focusing on reopening the bridge by July 4<sup>th</sup>**. Now that's something to celebrate! All those nasty rumors apparently aren't true!

And here's more good news! The Black Diamond City Council passed Resolution 09-610 that reads in part 'to allow certain types of signs that are prohibited under the City code to be used from July 1 thru September 12 so that businesses in our community can attempt to rebuild their customer base. This resolution would allow businesses to use banners and sandwich board signs, and to place such signs closer to the right of way than is usually permitted.'

So now what? Originally we were planning a community-wide reopening celebration on site just before the bridge opened but that may be problematic. It's a bit up in the air . . . . WSDOT is confident in giving only a three day notice of the reopening, which makes planning a single celebration a bit difficult. In working with the Enumclaw Area Chamber, the chambers are proposing businesses celebrate the reopening with a week of individual special events and sales promotions all along the highway, July 3-11<sup>th</sup>.

To help promote the sales and events for participating members of the Greater Maple Valley-Black Diamond Chamber, we will post 'Hot Deals' on the website, include a listing of participating businesses in a special broadcast e-mail and in the 'Chamber Corner' in the Voice of the Valley. And all that promotion is free to our members!

If you are interested in participating, please let me know! [suevanruff@maplevalley.com](mailto:suevanruff@maplevalley.com) or call me, 206.856.1342.



Back row: Philip Holcombe  
Front row, left to right: Les and Kathy Scott, Marney Hadley, Jack & Kim Emmons, Berthy Carson, Clark Davis

### 'Business of the Year'

**John L. Scott, Maple Valley Office  
Jack & Kim Emmons**

The Board of Directors of the Greater Maple Valley-Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce is excited and proud to announce the 2009 Business of the Year: John L. Scott, Maple Valley Office and broker/owners Kim and Jack Emmons. This honor extends to their entire team of professional real estate agents and staff who demonstrate a truly amazing commitment to the greater Maple Valley community. The number of nominations received by the selection committee made it apparent that Kim and Jack are recognized throughout the Chamber membership as true leaders in the business community.

Kim and Jack epitomize the spirit of "giving back" to the community. They are among the driving forces behind Maple Valley Days and the newly formed Maple Valley Farmers Market. For the past five years, they have dedicated their free time throughout the month of October for Breast Cancer Awareness. Last

October they peddled \$5,900 worth of hotdogs and helped raise \$21,000 in donations at the Four Corners Safeway. John L. Scott, Maple Valley is also a major sponsor of the annual Opening Day "Hooked On Fishing" Derby on Lake Wilderness and Kim and Jack bring with them their entire team of volunteers and fishing guides. John L. Scott, Maple Valley also has an amazing workforce deployed on the community's annual Make A Difference Day and Adopt A Highway. Other organizations that benefit from their gifts of time and donations are the Maple Valley Food Bank, Vine Maple Place, the Maple Valley Community Center, Maple Valley Fire Department, and the Tahoma School District.

For the complete story, go to [www.maplevalley.com](http://www.maplevalley.com) or [www.blackdiamondwachamber.org](http://www.blackdiamondwachamber.org) and click on newsletters, 'Business of the Year'. Also, please read the multiple nominations for Johnson's Home & Garden, Claffey's Painting, and Flynn Development.



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## Chamber Calendar

- June 10 Business After Hours, 4:30—7:30**  
**@Lake Wilderness Golf Course**
- June 12 Business Development Committee Meeting**  
**9:30am Windermere, Maple Valley**
- June 13 Derby Boat in the Maple Valley Days Parade**  
**Information Booth at Maple Valley Days**
- June 17 General Membership Luncheon**  
**11:30am Lake Wilderness Lodge**
- June 20 Ribbon Cutting for the Farmers Market!**  
**10 am Rock Creek Elementary School**
- Aug19 PRIME-TIME for Business**

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!

***We are driving business home to***  
**[www.maplevalley.com](http://www.maplevalley.com) &**  
**[www.blackdiamondwachamber.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.ci.maple-valley.wa.us)

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