



A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

I am very happy to share some exciting news: Kevin Patterson with the Tahoma School District will be rejoining the board to fulfill Tim Lemon's unexpired term. We welcome Kevin's experience, guidance and leadership on the board.

I wanted to thank the entire President's dinner team for the extraordinary effort that was put out. It seemed like everyone had a great time and from Sue's preliminary numbers it was a hit. Taking into consideration the state of the economy it was a grand slam. I have to take a second and thank the committee of Laura Richardson with Kolkay Electric, Storm McNeal with SFM Asset Management, Chantel Wolters with Décor&You, Jack Emmons with John L. Scott, Jon Roelofs with Edward Jones, Tina McDonough with Windermere, and most of all the two hero's of this (and many other chamber events) Sandi Sutton with All Service Plumbing and Karen Crowe with Envispect NW who went way above and beyond (as usual)! I also have to thank the board of Jim Flynn, Kevin Patterson, Shane Davies; the house boy (Bill VanRuff), Jimmy Wasmund, Roxanne Michelson and all the others who helped. I also want to thank all the sponsors and donors for the auction for whom this event wouldn't be possible. Finally Suzie Davies who is proving to be an amazing addition to the team and of course our glue, our duct tape, our bailing wire, who seems to keep this train wreck on the rails, Sue! We may have raised more money to help pay her salary but know we could never pay her what she is worth!

I also wanted to let everyone know that the Chamber Directory has headed to press and should be available soon for you to give to all your clients and customers.

I am in awe at times of the dedication, skills, passion and hard work of this group and it is an honor and it is also very humbling to be the president of this organization. You all make my job much easier and you deserve all the credit and accolades. I truly love living in and working in this community. Thank you!

Fins up!

Kevin Kalberg
Board President

September's Book – *Guerilla Marketing*
October's Book – *The One Minute Manager*
November's Book – *Good to Great*
December's Book – *The Noticer*

Tim will be greatly missed on our board and in our community but we congratulate him on his new position as the new fire chief for the Chelan County Fire District 7, City of Chelan.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Do you need to update your membership information on our new website?
Go to www.maplevalleychamber.org or www.blackdiamondchamber.org
to verify all your business information. Send any updates or changes to us at chamber@maplevalley.com.

UPCOMING 'BUSINESS AFTER HOURS' EVENTS

**Wednesday, October 14th, 4:30pm, Efelle Media
22017 SE Wax Road (DCS Building next to the Maple Valley Post Office)**

Chamber members will have the opportunity to learn about the Chamber's new dynamic, interactive website and how to maximize individual member directory listings as well as their own business website. Efelle Media program developers and E Gear representatives will be sharing their knowledge and expertise throughout the event, working one-on-one with members. Or...just come to be social and enjoy some food and beverage.

JOIN US FOR A RIBBON CUTTING

Join us for a ribbon cutting to welcome **COLUMBIA BANK**, formerly Mt. Rainier Bank
Friday, October 16, 3pm.
Columbia Bank, 23924 225 Way SE
(on the corner of SE 240th and Maple Valley Highway)

THANK YOU MARGARITAVILLE SPONSORS!

It was quite the event on Friday, October 2 when members celebrated the annual President's Dinner with the theme of Margaritaville. This was no sit-down, rubber chicken dinner. The evening was full of music by Dave Calhoun, terrific food (catered by Maple Valley Market), social chatter, and fun from beginning to end. This event was made possible by our terrific sponsors and donors. Thank you!

"PARROTHEAD SPONSORS"

BECU Puget Sound Energy Frankie's Pizza Claffey's Painting Mold Solutions NW

"FINS UP" SPONSORS

Allstate, The Jenson Agency @ Four Corners; All Service Plumbing & Contracting; Décor & You Chantel Wolters; EnviroSpect NW & Pinnacle Home Inspections, Michael & Karen Crowe; Flynn Development (Maple Valley Center, Maple Valley Town Center, Wilderness Business Park, Wilderness Village Plaza, Wilderness Village Shopping Center); John L. Scott, Maple Valley; Kolkay Electric, Inc.; Johnsons Home & Garden; Maple Valley-Covington Reporter; One.7 Inc.; Voice of the Valley; Windermere Real Estate, Sandi Hall; and Windermere, Tina McDonough

**For highlights of this event and a list of all donors, go to the website:
www.maplevalleychamber.org and www.blackdiamondchamber.org**

Business Information at Your Fingertips @ www.kcls.org



In the July Gazette, Catherine Lord, Managing Librarian, Black Diamond Community Liaison, Black Diamond / Covington / Maple Valley, shared information on **Why business owners love ReferenceUSA;** **this month it is: Why business owners love SimplyMap**

SimplyMap is online mapping software that has hundreds and hundreds of datasets at its disposal - census, surveys, consumer satisfaction, you name it - and maps them onto beautiful and elegant maps that can be manipulated in scores of ways. And printed. And emailed. And saved in multiple formats.

How can SimplyMap help business owners? Real estate agents and people in the market for residential or commercial properties can use it to compare and analyze neighborhoods. Small business owners and entrepreneurs can use it to identify business opportunities and to find best locations for their new businesses or branches. Businesses can use it to target customers for advertising, or to recruit for new employees.

Need help using these databases? Any KCLS staff member can either help you, or put you in touch with someone who will. And remember--whatever your information needs, whether personal or business-related: Turn to KCLS. The choices will surprise you.

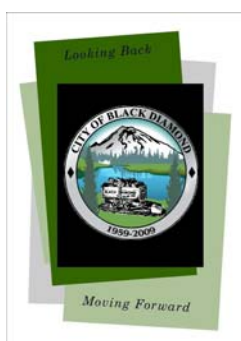
For a full list of databases, visit www.kcls.org. Select DATABASES, and then under the Subject List of Databases, choose "Business, Economics and Investing." The contents of each database is described next to each link. Access to all these databases are free--all you need is a KCLS library card.

*For more information on how to access resources available at the King County Library, contact Catherine Lord
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Chamber Calendar

- Oct 14 [Business After Hours @ Efelle Media](#)
4:30pm 22017 SE Wax Road (DCS Building)
- Oct 15 [Maple Valley City Manager's Business Breakfast](#)
7:45am Lake Wilderness Lodge
- Oct 16 [Ribbon Cutting @ Columbia Bank - Maple Valley](#)
3:00pm 23924 225 Way SE, Maple Valley
- Oct 21 [Chamber General Membership Luncheon](#)
11:30am-1pm Lake Wilderness Lodge
- Oct 22 [Membership Services Committee Meeting](#)
10:00am Lake Wilderness Golf Course

For more information on these and other community events visit our website and click on the Calendar tab. To request an event to be posted on the website, simply click on **Submit New Event**, complete the information form and click on the "Submit for Approval" button. It is that easy! To host a **Business After Hours** or special event celebration or to submit an article for the newsletter, call the Chamber office today!

We are driving business home to
www.maplevalleychamber.org &
www.blackdiamondchamber.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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Flyer Insert Advertisers must supply 275 copies for insertion by the 1st Friday of the month.
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