



Chamber Gazette

Serving the Greater Maple Valley – Black Diamond Business Community
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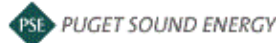
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LUNCHEON MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM
◆◆Lake Wilderness Lodge◆◆
25400 Witte Road SE
RSVP by 10 am on September 14, 2009



Andy Wappler, popular local broadcaster and accredited meteorologist, now a senior Public Relations manager with Puget Sound Energy, will be the guest speaker at the September 16th general membership luncheon. Andy will talk about the latest news in renewable energy; energy efficiency as a way to help customers control energy costs as well as reduce the environmental impact of energy resources and infrastructure and also his personal experience in cutting his family's energy use by 40% by doing simple, easy steps.

Wappler joined Puget Sound Energy in February of 2008 to raise public awareness of the need for energy efficiency and greater use of renewable energy sources. Wappler said he was very excited to join PSE's effort "because the energy choices we make today will have a major impact on the quality of life we all enjoy in the future."

Wappler, 44, who holds the American Meteorological Society's Certified Broadcast Meteorologist designation, is a graduate of the University of Washington and of Northwestern University. His father, Harry Wappler, was a fixture on local television from 1969 to 2002, with Andy joining his dad as a forecaster in 1994.

Info-mercial: Clark Davis, Mortgage Masters, Maple Valley

- October 2, 2009 -

Annual President's Dinner & Auction "Margaritaville" style

This is not a sit-down, rubber chicken dinner!

It's food, fun, and a Jimmy Buffett tribute performed by Dave Calhoun

See the insert in this newsletter for details!

2009-10 LUNCHEON COSTS
Chamber Members at the door \$18
Non Members and Invited Guests \$25

RSVP LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS
by 10 AM on Monday, September 14, 2009
425.432.0222 or chamber@maplevalley.com

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☆☆ **GLORIA'S** ☆☆

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT, KEVIN KALBERG

Involvement –

I am often asked what the chamber does for its members and what they will get out of their membership. My answer is usually “exactly what you put into it.” Membership in the chamber is an opportunity and so was buying Microsoft at the IPO. The question is will you seize the opportunity or will you let it slip through your fingers and regret it years down the road? They say that success occurs when preparation and opportunity meet. I have never joined an organization and waited around for something to happen. What I have found is when I step out of my comfort zone and get involved things start to happen. Seeds are planted and with water and care things start to grow. In the last three weeks I have seen

those seeds growing and the work I have done for other members has started to produce fruit. I have also seen the same in my purchasing decisions. Recently I purchased the following things from members: a gym membership, an insurance policy, numerous meals and a lengthy list of items from our local hardware store. All of these goods or services have alternatives but one thing that they had in common were the people behind the businesses. I know these people, I trust these people and if there is anything I can do to support these people I will do it. That is the key, those people took an opportunity to get to know me and the seeds of a relationship were planted. Ask yourself this: What did I do today to make my business successful tomorrow? I would ask each member to take this challenge: volunteer on one committee, attend at least five luncheons, go to the President’s Dinner, volunteer at the Fishing Derby, attend three after hour events and go out of your way to meet and get to know twenty new chamber members this year and you will see the seeds you plant start to grow!

Presidents Dinner

The 2009 President’s Dinner is rapidly approaching and the leadership team has put together an amazing event. Friday night October 2nd at the Lake Wilderness Lodge we will be rocking the night away as Dave Calhoun headlines the event with a Jimmy Buffett tribute in keeping with the "Margaritaville" theme. We will have both a live and silent auction as well as a wine toss. This is a not to miss event. Look for your invitation this week in the mail. If you would like to be a sponsor or contribute an auction item please contact Sue or Suzie at the chamber office. I hope to see you there.

'48 Days to the Work You Love'

In holding with my challenge a couple months ago I have been reading a book a month centered on positive messages and personal and business growth. Last month we read “Who Moved My Cheese” and this month it was “48 Days to The Work You Love” by Dan Miller. This is a fascinating journey in search of what we want to do not what we have to do. Often we find people at the same job for years and when asked if they did it for so long because of the love of the job they reveal that they were miserable but they needed a job and they had to feed the family or pay the bills. They actually hated what they did and typically found their job years ago through a friend or relative. Miller says “Look for what you love first. Then you will have the confidence and enthusiasm to find success in places others overlook.” We typically spend more time planning our two week vacation than we do our future. This book is about retaking your own future and destiny. It is about planning, setting goals, and finding inspiration in what you do and who you are. William Barclay said “We will often find compensation if we think more of what life has given us and less about what life has taken away.” Do you love what you do?

This month's book “Guerilla Marketing” – by Conrad Levinson

Next month's book “The One Minute Manager” – by Ken Blanchard, Ph.D. & Spencer Johnson M.D.

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INTRODUCING THE CHAMBER'S NEW WEBSITE AT
**www.maplevalleychamber.org & www.blackdiamondchamber.org
DEVELOPED AND HOSTED BY CHAMBER MEMBER EFELLE MEDIA**

THE BENEFITS OF CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP JUST INCREASED. THIS NEW WEBSITE IS FRESH, INTERACTIVE, FULL OF INFORMATION, AND ENHANCES YOUR PRESENCE ON THE INTERNET WITH ENHANCED SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION.

UPDATE AND MAXIMIZE YOUR CHAMBER LISTING -- PLEASE SEND US YOUR LOGO, A PHOTO, AND A DESCRIPTION OF YOUR BUSINESS AND WE WILL ADD IT TO YOUR DIRECTORY LISTING.

THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR IS STILL THERE AND BETTER THAN EVER!

BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR SPECIAL EVENTS.

SEND US YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS! THIS IS YOUR WEBSITE!



Mickelson Finds Humor in Chamber's First Season League Play

A great big THANKS goes out to those who participated in the first ever, Greater Maple Valley-Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce Golf Team. We enjoyed some smiles and suffered through many tears. We lost many balls but found twice as many in the woods and lakes trying to locate them. We persevered through lightning, high winds and rain. But also enjoyed some of the nicest days the Pacific Northwest has to offer. We also made some new friends and business contacts along the way. Plus, the Lake Wilderness staff spoiled us with drink specials and awesome (yet inexpensive) buffet and an affordable, first class golfing experience.

Kevin Patterson and myself enjoyed watching Tina McDonough learn golf. She and her husband Cory are pretty new to the game. The first time they were out I had to pick up pink club head covers that Tina had littered along the course ahead of me. I entrusted Cory to get them back to her. Later in the season Tina got her first par. I wasn't there, but I heard it. OUT LOUD! Next year Tina insists we will be*Read more at www.maplevalleychamber.org*

It Was PrimeTime for our members on August 19 at Lake Wilderness Lodge

Please see the August 25, 2009 Edition of the Voice for more pictures and go to www.maplevalleychamber.org or www.blackdiamondchamber.org for the complete photo gallery!



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Chamber Calendar

- Sept 11 Business Development Committee Meeting
9:30-10:45am, Windermere, Maple Valley
- Sept 16 General Chamber Membership Luncheon
11:30am-1pm, Lake Wilderness Lodge
- Sept 22 Membership Services Committee
10am-11:30am, MVF&LS Station 81
- Oct 2 Annual President's Dinner & Auction; Margaritaville
6:30-11pm, Lake Wilderness Lodge
- Oct 11 Greater Maple Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair
10am-3pm, Rock Creek Elementary School
- Oct 15 Maple Valley City Manager's Business Breakfast
7:45am, Lake Wilderness Lodge

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 the **Calendar** tab, "**Submit a New Event**", complete the information form and click on the "**Submit for Approval**" button. It's 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 (no meetings Aug 3 & 10)
Second and Fourth Mondays—regular sessions, Public Comment
7:00 pm, Tahoma School District Board Room
www.ci.maple-valley.wa.us

Advertise in the Chamber Gazette Newsletter and reach 315 Chamber Members!
Flyer Insert Advertisers must supply 350 copies for insertion by the 1st Friday of the month.
Size of insert 8.5x11 can be double sided, light weight paper.
Cost for Chamber Members \$50; Non-Members \$100; Non-Profit Groups \$25