Vicki Stasch—Business Networking

Vicki Stasch, Management Consultant and Leadership Coach, will facilitate the business networking program at the May 8 chamber lunch. Vicki has worked for over 30 years facilitating team building, leadership development, strategic planning and conflict management with business, non-profits and municipal organizations in California and now in Washington State and Skagit County. She is current board president for the Anacortes Family Center, a member of the Anacortes Rotary Club, the Guemes Trails Committee and the City’s Civic Service Commission. Be prepared to sit at assigned tables (not with your co-workers or friends) and engage in activities to get to know each other during and after lunch.

Our lunch sponsor Scott Milo Gallery has been a chamber member since 1996. Having been in business now for 18 years in Old Town Anacortes. They are proud to offer quality custom picture framing and support the regional artists with ten fine art shows each year. They are open six days a week, 10:30am–4:30pm, and by appointment to fit your schedule. Lunch is at the Lutheran Church at 22nd & the cost is $15 and will be catered by Vivi’s Kitchen. Please RSVP online.

Chandler’s Square Retirement Community

Chandler’s Square Retirement Community is hosting Business After Hours on Thursday, May 15th, 2014 from 5:30–7:00pm. Chandler’s Square offers fully independent and optional assisted living services in private luxury apartments. Come learn about the relaxing lifestyle that residents enjoy and the variety of activities and personal care services that are available. Feel free to park in the Anacortes Christian Church parking lot in the 1300 block of ‘N’ Ave. Follow the balloons to rear entrance doors directly into the Captain’s Crossing where you can enjoy wine & cheese, great company and a peak at the movie theater, fitness center and new model train room if you are interested. RSVP online and be sure to bring a gift for the give-away!
On March 29 the US Navy research vessel, Neil Armstrong, was christened on Pier I at the Port of Anacortes. The invitation-only event was attended by high ranking personnel from the US Navy as well as Carol Knight Armstrong (the wife of the late Neil Armstrong). Right here in Anacortes!!

This vessel was built by Dakota Creek Industries here in Anacortes and along with sister-ship, Sally Ride, the $74 million contract represents 258 employees and over 800,000 hours of work. A highlight of the ceremony was Dick Nelson, President of DCI, speaking with pride about his company and stellar employees and some of the naval presenters stating how they had learned from working with DCI.

We all have so much to be proud of our working waterfront community. A few years ago, the America’s Cup Winner, the BMW Oracle was built here. Currently, many industries keep Anacortes on the map by producing products that are used world-wide. Here are a few I have highlighted.

- **Trident Seafood’s** batter and breading facility produces 60 million lbs with a crew of 250 distributing to over 200 customers.
- **Cortland Puget Sound Rope** has 62 employees, representing an annual payroll of $1.8 million and sales of $25 million in 47 countries.
- **Shell Puget Sound Refinery** employs 460 plus 300+ contractors with an annual payroll of $46 million.
- **Tesoro Refinery** employs 370 with an annual payroll of $38 million plus 200+ contractors

I personally thank these employers and (others I have not mentioned) for adding so greatly to our economy. You are good neighbors, you give back and most importantly, you provide jobs. Right here in Anacortes!

—Stephanie Hamilton

Opening day of the international ferry route to our Sister City, Sidney, BC was on Sunday, April 6. Washington State Ferries provided 40 tickets for Anacortes citizens to travel to Sidney for a celebration.
member profile

Skagit Cycle

Gary Santiago’s passion for bikes started in 1970 when he purchased his first road bike (a Raleigh Super Course) with the money from his paper route. He opened his first shop in Wyoming in the late eighties and spent ten years as a rep for Diamondback bicycles. He founded Skagit Cycle Center in May of 1998. Throughout Skagit Cycle’s existence, they have strived to provide personalized customer service in addition to a wide selection of high quality bicycle products. About twelve years ago, they tested the Anacortes waters with a small location on March’s Point Road. With the success of the Anacortes location, the Santiagos relocated their residence to Anacortes, and moved the Anacortes shop location to its current place at 17th and Commercial while still keeping the original Burlington location. Over the years the business has expanded to fill many niches including rentals, professional bicycle fitting, educational classes, group rides and mechanical support for organized charity rides throughout Skagit Valley. Skagit Cycle is committed to the Anacortes community. By contributing to many community groups including Friends of the Forest, Masonic Lodge Bikes for Books Program, Anacortes Youth Sports Coalition and Young Life’s High Tide Ride they aim to support healthy lifestyles for Anacortes residents and invest in the future of our community. The cycling culture and healthy living are important threads in the fabric of our community and Skagit Cycle is committed to encouraging these. Gary’s wife Bernie can be seen on lunch-time rides looping through La Conner. Her red and black Specialized S-Works Amira is notably coordinating with her cycling gear! You can ride with Bernie and Skagit Cycle on Tuesdays at 6pm for women only and Wednesdays at 6pm for a recreational fun ride.

You may not know that there is a bike for every type of rider from beginner to casual, cruiser to racer. Bikes can be fit precisely to your riding style and ability with a professional bike fit. Come in to find your dream bike and then get out and ride with Skagit Cycle!

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Executive Director, Port of Anacortes

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Bill Mitchell Celebrates 30 years of Anacortes Mural Project

By Art Shotwell

It was just 30 years ago, May 2, 1984, when local historian Bill Mitchell, along with Tommy Thompson and other friends, launched a project that has become part of the cultural heritage of Anacortes and which now includes more than 150 hand-painted murals featuring people from previous eras in Anacortes’ history.

That first mural, featuring Fred White and his safety bike, is still on display at its original location outside Marine Supply & Hardware at Commercial Ave. and Second St.

As he reminisced, Mitchell recalled mounting the Fred White mural. “We broke a bottle of Miller Hi-Life, that champagne of bottled beer, over the bow of the thing, and it exploded just like a bottle’s supposed to over the bow of a ship.”

Mitchell said he and his friends were looking for a way to help honor Anacortes’ history and revitalize the downtown area.

In January of 1984, they formed the ARRC, the Anacortes Renaissance and Revival Confederation, which became the Anacortes Mural Project four months later.

Once the name Anacortes Mural Project stuck, Mitchell said, “We picked that name because we liked the initials: AMP. We had a slogan at that time: amplifying history.”

Since that time, Mitchell said, he has used 176 sheets of plywood, and not just any plywood, but 1/4” MDO plywood, which is coated with resin-treated fiber which makes it easier to paint on and is safer from the elements.

While you might think the Anacortes Mural Project is a public endeavor, it’s not. Mitchell does it on his own, along with a handful of supporters, and asks businesses to pay a small amount for a mural on their outside wall. He said the Port of Anacortes has become his biggest supporter. And, he has had some support from the Anacortes Arts Festival in the past, as well as numerous local businesses.

Mitchell is a familiar face around town in his three-wheel, electric, Autoette. Which is, in itself, a bit of history as production ended of the Autoette in the 1970s, well before the AMP.

Mitchell and friends will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the project with a birthday party on May 2 at the Depot Arts Center at Sixth St. and R Ave. He promised he’ll be showing works he’s been repainting recently and a birthday cake, but anything else will be a surprise.
2014 Waterfront Festival

The official kick-off to the Waterfront Festival was held at Trident Seafoods on April 24. Tom Rizzo General Manager, Shell Puget Sound Refinery, unveiled the 25th Annual poster with Chamber Board President Mark Lawrence.

Thank you to the 25th Annual Waterfront Festival Sponsors:

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    - Robin Pestarino

6th Annual Spring Wine Festival

Roughly 1,000 wine lovers from all over the states and Canada attended this year’s festival, a favorite event by both attendees and participating wineries. 54% of our surveyed attendees stayed in Anacortes for at least one night spilling out into our restaurants and shops to enjoy all the best Anacortes has to offer! We would like to extend our gratitude to ACT Theatre, Apothecary Spa, Candlewood Suites, Cap Sante Inn, Dad’s Diner, Foundation Massage Therapy, Gere-a-Deli, Island Adventures, Majestic Inn & Spa, Mystic Sea Charters, Native Springs Spa, Sebo’s Hardware, Sierra Microporudcts, Skagit Cycle, Skagit Land Trust, Swinomish Casino & Lodge, Upstage Boutique & Men’s Store for providing “Welcome Back to Anacortes” give-away packages for four lucky winners this year! We appreciate the restaurants that provided visitors and the community a special evening out by throwing a winemaker dinner and/or featuring a wine from the festival for the month of April: 5th Street Bistro, 13moons, Adrift, Anchor Catering, Anderson’s General Store, Frida’s Gourmet Mexican Cuisine, Petite Bistro & Wine, Potluck Kitchen Studio, and The Store Grocery. Our thanks to our sponsors whose support provides the means to put together this festival that benefits our community: Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company, Shell Puget Sound Refinery, Swinomish Casino & Lodge, Anacortes American, Island Rentals and Supply, Peoples Bank, Trident Seafoods, Cap Sante Court Retirement Community, Cornerstone Home Lending, Majestic Inn & Spa, Scott Milo Gallery, Tri-County Recycling, and Whidbey Island Bank. And to the 100 volunteers who make this festival run effortlessly—you are the backbone of its success. Until next year—three cheers Anacortes!
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Thanks to Bob’s BBQ Salmon & Chowder Bar for catering and sponsoring April’s luncheon, and thanks to the following businesses for contributing a gift for the give-away:

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- EDASC
- Papa Murphy’s Pizza
- Skagit Publishing

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- Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center
- Home Sweet Home Antiques
- Nantucket Inn
- Papa Murphy’s Pizza
- Radio Shack
- Read Me A Story
- Summit Assistance Dogs
- Upstage Boutique & Men’s Store
- Washington Federal

Vivi’s Kitchen owner Vivian Arenas celebrates the opening of her catering business with Mayor Laurie Gere, Chamber Board President Mark Lawrence (Simply Yards), Chamber Ambassador’s Sarah Jurkovich (Washington Federal), Barry Harter (Central Payment Corp) friends and family.

Anderson’s General Store owner’s Terran & Michelle Reneau celebrated their new adventure with a ribbon cutting in late March with Mayor Laurie Gere and Chamber Board President Mark Lawrence.
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