**calendar**

**Tuesday, November 3** 10:00am  
*Marine Trades Division Meeting*  
Chamber Office

**Wednesday, November 4** 8:00am  
*Chamber Board Planning Session*  
NWESD

**Thursday, November 5** 11:45am  
*Ambassador Meeting*  
Chamber Office

**Tuesday, November 10** 2:00pm  
*Accommodation Division Meeting*  
Chamber Office

**Tuesday, November 10** 4:00pm  
*Membership Division Meeting*  
Chamber Office

**Wednesday, November 11**  
*Veterans Day – Office Closed*

**Thursday, November 12** 11:30am  
*Monthly Chamber Luncheon*  
Swinomish Casino & Lodge

**Thursday, November 12** 5:00pm  
*Port Commissioner Roundtable*  
Seafarers’ Memorial Park Building

**Friday, November 13** 10:30am  
*Finance/Executive Meeting*  
Chamber Office

**Tuesday, November 17** 3:30pm  
*Board Meeting*  
Anacortes School District

**Thursday, November 19** 3:30 pm  
*EDASC Roadshow—Learning from Disney*  
Chamber Office

**Thursday, November 19** 5:30pm  
*Business After Hours*  
Flooring Connections

**Thursday–Friday, November 26–27**  
*Thanksgiving – Office Closed*

**chamber luncheon**

**Give-Back Buzz**

During the holiday season our thoughts often turn to those in need around us and we want to find ways to help. In Anacortes we are very lucky to have many groups that reach out to assist with food, clothing, shelter, and companionship. For our November luncheon we will turn the spotlight on these groups and give you a chance to learn more about their organizations. We call it our “Give-Back Buzz.” While chamber members enjoy lunch prepared by the Swinomish Casino & Lodge, representatives from each organization will move from table to table sharing information about their organizations and answering questions.

This luncheon is sponsored by Peoples Bank, a family owned and operated, independent community bank headquartered in Bellingham, Washington. The Bank was founded in 1921 and operates 24 full-service branches and three loan production offices in Washington. The bank’s mission is to be a driver of financial success for clients, employees and the communities in which they do business. Their team of professionals is dedicated to providing financial expertise and a level of service that exceeds expectations.

The lunch will take place at the Swinomish Casino & Lodge at 11:30am on November 12. Please RSVP and pay online or in the chamber office to receive the $15 luncheon rate. Payment at the door at the time of the luncheon will be $18. Please bring a gift for a give-away along with a donation for the local food banks.

**business after hours**

**Flooring Connections**

Please join us at Flooring Connections for the November Business After Hours. Established in 1998, Flooring Connections features one of the largest tile, hardwood, carpet selections north of Seattle in their 5000 square foot warehouse showroom at 1909 Molly Lane. They have three design consultants on staff to assist all your interior challenges. They also work with local contractors, real estate firms and property management offices. Most recently, they’ve added cabinets to the line of products they offer with a 20-year experienced design consultant available by appointment. Please join us Thursday, November 19th from 5:30–7pm at Flooring Connections, 1909 Molly Lane (behind Jerry Smith Chevrolet on Hwy 20). Dad’s Diner will be catering the event. Please RSVP online and bring a gift for the giveaway!
a message from the executive director

Keep the Cheer Here

Our Keep the Cheer Here Campaign starts soon! Last year this campaign to support local shopping during the holiday season doubled from the year before with the program representing $450,000 in sales at 41 participating businesses. This year we would like to increase retail participation.

How the program works: Shoppers get a punch card when they purchase at participating retailers from November 23rd–December 31st. Cards are punched in $10 increments and each card is valued at $100. Once the shopper has gotten the entire card punched, they turn in the card to a participating retailer and get a new card to continue local shopping. Participating retailers drop off filled cards to the chamber by Tuesday each week. The submitted cards are entered into a weekly drawing for a $25 valued gift. The shopper is also entered into a grand prize drawing at the end of the campaign for a local shopping spree with $25 gift certificates from all participating retailers (last year we had two $500 winners!!!)

How to participate: Chamber members simply drop off a $25 valued gift and $25 gift certificate at the chamber. We will list your business on the website and bring you punch-cards and promotional materials before the event begins.

Last year, the retail trades group decided to open this program up to non-chamber members—we had six participate, and besides the gift and certificate, they paid a $25 fee to to help invest in advertising.

To sign up, contact Amanda Hubik at the chamber: ahubik@anacortes.org or 293-7911.

Once again the chamber is co-sponsoring trolley rides with eight retailers every Saturday in December! Hop aboard for some caroling and Christmas joy!

Shop at your favorite local stores and win!

November 23rd - December 31st

Pick up a punch card at any participating retailer.

For every $100 you spend you’ll be entered to win weekly and grand prize drawings worth over $1000!

For a list of participating retailers visit anacortes.org

Multi-Chamber After Hours

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

Poster Unveiling Celebration
2016 Skagit Valley Tulip Poster

November 12, 2015
5:30-7:00pm
Skagit Valley Gardens
18923 Johnson Rd, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

- A Taste of Skagit, sample some of the finest treats from the area’s chefs
- Along with the Poster, official 2016 Tulip Festival products will be unveiled
- Introducing 2016 poster artist Sandy Haight
Port Commissioner Roundtable

The Port Commissioners will be available for questions/comments in a business roundtable to be held Thursday, November 12th from 5:00–6:30 pm at Seafarers’ Memorial Park Building. The community is invited to take part in the conversation.

This is a great opportunity to hear about what is going on at the Port—2014/2015 accomplishments and 2016 goals, as well as provide input to the Port Commissioners.

Please RSVP to the chamber office at 293-7911.

A Bluegrass & Microbrew Celebration
November 13th & 14th

12th Annual BREWGRASS!

3 Clubs - 6 Acts
51 Handles

Learn more at anacortes.org/brewgrass

Port of Anacortes presents
5th Annual Celtic Christmas Celebration
sponsored by Shell Puget Sound Refinery

featuring Geoffrey Castle and his All Star Band
with special guests
Irish Tenor Connor Dunworley, Seattle Irish Dance Company
Special Vocal Guests plus Town Crier Richard Riddell
and a Visit from Santa Claus

One show only!
Wednesday Dec 16th - 6:30pm
VIP Seating with donation of $25
General Admission FREE with donation of a new un-wrapped toy or non perishable food item

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Anacortes Bier on the Pier 2015

The sixth annual Anacortes Bier on the Pier Festival was a great success, bringing 2,500 guests from across Washington State and Canada to the Port of Anacortes Transit Event Center on October 2nd & 3rd. The expanded festival layout gave attendees more room to enjoy the sold-out festival. With over 30 breweries and five cideries on hand, guests had a chance to sample some of the best brews that the Northwest has to offer. The chamber is grateful to the amazing breweries from across Washington State that participate in this event every year. Congratulations to the People’s Choice winners – Creepy Monkey Imperial Brown from North Sound Brewing and the Russian Imperial Stout from Triple R Brewery. A big thank-you goes out to this year’s bands—Tubaluba Brass Band, Rod Cook/Dean Reichert Duo, and the Clumsy Lovers. We loved seeing everyone out there dancing and having a good time.

It took over 150 volunteers to make this event run smoothly. We can’t thank each of you enough for the time and dedication that you put into making each guest and brewery feel welcome and comfortable. We would like to thank the dedicated committee members who put in months of work to help organize this event—Kevin Pierce, Jeff Bear, Lisa Helm-Morrow, Mike Hendon, Ben Holm, Stephen McInerney, Tanya Prentice, Todd Rich, Karen Rose, and Rick Star.

Bringing guests to town is the main reason we hold these kinds of events. We hope you as a chamber member saw the benefit of this event through increased traffic in your shops, restaurants, and accommodations. Proceeds from the festival help to fund many community projects such as the hanging flower baskets in the summer, the white tree lights in the winter, the uptown summer banners and winter snowflakes to name a few. We have heard from many guests that they had a wonderful time at the festival and exploring Anacortes and plan to be back again. Here’s to hosting another great festival in 2016!
Thanks to our Sponsors for their continued support of Bier on the Pier!

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You Are Invited

Anacortes Arts Commission
Anacortes Sister Cities
Sidney Sister Cities
&
Community Arts Council of the Saanich Peninsula, B.C.

The Salish Sea Art Exhibit
Life on the Saanich Peninsula, B.C.

Thursday, November 5, 2015
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Introduction of Special Guests at 6:30 pm
Depot Art & Community Center
611 R Ave, Anacortes, WA

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Skagit Wine & Beer Festival
A wine, beer & culinary experience

Saturday, November 21
limited presale tickets available
MountVernonChamber.com
(360) 428-8547
Ambassador Profile

Sarah Jurkovich

Sarah Jurkovich was born and raised in Anacortes. She and her husband Mark Jurkovich, live in Anacortes and have two beautiful daughters. Growing up, her family would spend their summers at her grandparents’ cabin on Guemes Island. Sarah and her sister would play on the beach, fish, look for rock crabs, starfish and the most coveted, agate. She feels very fortunate that she has been able to share the same experiences with her children. Sarah has been the branch manager at Washington Federal for 1.5 years and has been in banking for over 17 years. As manager, Sarah also is the Loan Officer. She loves to help clients buy/build their dream homes. As a portfolio lender, Sarah likes that Washington Federal can look at unique scenarios that allow for a one-of-a-kind lending experience for each client. Sarah became an ambassador in November 2012, but has been part of the chamber for 17 years. Since becoming an ambassador, Sarah has volunteered at numerous chamber functions that include luncheons and Business After Hours as well as at Bier on the Pier, Spring Wine Festival and the Waterfront Festival. Sarah enjoys spending time with her family and friends, relaxing at their family cabin and watching the Seattle Seahawks.

Member Renewals

- 7-Eleven Food Store
- A Cab For You
- Allen Construction
- Anacortes Arts Foundation
- Chandler’s Square Retirement Community
- Farmhouse Restaurant
- Fidalgo Artisan Yarn Company
- Native Springs Spa
- San Juan Outfitters
- Think Studios

New Member

AFLAC/HSH Consultants
5378 Dusty Lane
Burlington, WA 98233
(360) 391-7184
David Brunson
david_brunson@us.aflac.com

Supplemental Insurance—With Aflac supplemental insurance, you can provide an additional level of financial protection for yourself and your family in the event of a serious accident or illness.

Please welcome our new member!
EDASC Brings Classes to Anacortes

November—Learning from Disney

Back by demand! Why do people stand in line for hours with a sparkle in their eye? Would you be interested in increasing your profits? Increasing your customer and employee retention? In this session learn tips and tricks straight from the Happiest Place on Earth to create magic in your business. This class will take place in the chamber boardroom on November 19th from 3:30-5pm. $10 for Anacortes chamber members. Refreshments provided.

Participate in-person or on-line! While nothing beats the in-person experience and networking opportunities we know that sometimes you may want to participate but can’t make the trip to the workshop. We stream almost every workshop we hold. When you register be sure to register for the streaming delivery and we will e-mail you the instructions on how to sign in. We will also send you the handouts for the workshop for your viewing pleasure.

How to Register?
Visit Skagit.org and click on Events & Workshops on the top toolbar. The Learning from Disney workshop is listed about halfway down the page. You can also send an e-mail to office@skagit.org or even call 360-336-6114 to register. We make every effort to make it simple!

Congratulations to chamber member Karla Locke for winning the Washington State Ferries twitter photo contest. The prize? A behind the scenes tour of the new Samish Ferry.

SignDog NW celebrated their grand opening at 2900 T Ave, Suite A on September 30, 2015. Shown in the photo are: Staely Moore, Heather Moore, Brad Moore, Mayor Laurie Gere, Chamber President Karin Baldwin, and Luca Moore.

Veterans Day Celebration

One Flag
One Land
One Heart
One Nation
Ever More

Wednesday, November 11th 2015
11:00 am - 12:30 pm


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vic (visitor information center) statistics

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