State of the Port

Port of Anacortes Executive Director Dan Worra will deliver the port’s annual, “State of the Port” address at the chamber luncheon, June 11th at the Swinomish Casino & Lodge. Dan is excited to share the port’s accomplishments of the past year and to highlight business operations, events and upcoming projects.

The mission of the port is to, in partnership with public agencies and private business, develop and manage facilities and services which stimulate private job creation and commerce, while protecting the quality of life, needs and desires of area residents. In keeping with its mission, the port is an important economic engine for Anacortes with port tenants providing more than 1,000 jobs in our community. We hope you’ll join us at our luncheon, meet Dan and hear how the port is working for the benefit of our residents and visitors alike.

The luncheon is sponsored by Anacortes Marine Insurance, offering customers direct access to the top carriers that specialize in marine insurance. This includes ACE, CHUBB, Falvey, Redshield and Travelers to provide the best available combination of price and coverage on Yacht Insurance. For business insurance involving marine-related risk, Anacortes Marine Insurance works directly with AllRisks, Great American, Hanover, Maritime Program Group, and International Marine Underwriters. The lunch will take place on June 11th at the Swinomish Casino & Lodge, 12885 Casino Drive, from 11:30am to 1pm and will be $15 in advance, or $18 at the door. Please RSVP online and bring a gift for the giveaway!

Bank of the Pacific—Anacortes Branch

Bank of the Pacific is a full-service community bank based in Aberdeen, Washington, featuring 20 full service branches and four commercial banking centers. Currently, the bank has over $740 million in assets and employs over 230 individuals. The bank’s branches and commercial business offices serve individuals and businesses across Washington State and Oregon. The Anacortes Branch is our only full service branch in Skagit County but works closely with the Burlington Commercial Loan Center.

The Anacortes branch is located in the Island Theater building which was once operated by Bob and Florence Lowry. The building functioned as a theater from 1928 to 1977 before serving as a location for several bank offices. Because Bank of the Pacific is independently owned and locally operated, the money you deposit with our bank is re-invested in the communities we serve. Customers enjoy competitive product offerings delivered efficiently through up-to-date digital channels. Being from the area, our local staff knows their customers and communities well and give back to their communities by volunteering their time and recommending philanthropic donations.

Bank of the Pacific has been providing quality banking solutions to our consumer and business customers in western Washington and northwest Oregon since 1972.

Please join us Thursday, June 18th from 5:30-7pm at 801 Commercial Avenue, as Bank of the Pacific hosts our June Business After Hours, catered by Village Pizza. Please RSVP online and bring a gift for the giveaway!
I love the sign that’s been up on an Anacortes hotel reader board for as long as I can remember, it says “best value, most fun.” It makes an intriguingly and simply stated point. In retrospect, I view my years involved with the Chamber Board as the “best value and most fun” part of my Anacortes professional experience. There are educational experiences, social gatherings and networking opportunities. The business after hours are held at different locations every month, where you are wined, dined and educated by the hosts at some of the most beautiful areas of Fidalgo Island.

Are you ready to get involved with the Anacortes Chamber? The board has openings annually and sporadically throughout the year and are now accepting applications year round. If you are interested in “proactively leading, thoughtfully serving and representing our members” I would urge you to check it out and if you feel that you would make a good board member, put in an application and let the fun begin!

—Karin Baldwin
Quantum Construction

Web traffic report for January-April, 2015 vs 2014

Anacortes.org saw a great increase in the number of visitors during the first four months of 2015! In addition to the numbers highlighted here, we saw an increase in the people who are direct visitors - meaning they type in the URL directly - this is a sign that our print advertising is working.

Category pages that are generated by chamber members also saw an upswing. Dining and accommodations pages saw an increase of over 20%, and boating members saw an increase of 60%.
member profile

Transpac Marinas, Inc.

2015 marks the 30th Anniversary of TRANSPAC MARINAS, INC. TRANSPAC was formed with the specific purpose to design and manufacture high performance timber, concrete and steel float systems and wave attenuation systems. All float systems are designed, engineered, and manufactured at TRANSPAC’s facilities in Anacortes. Most materials are purchased from Northwest vendors and TRANSPAC often partners with other Anacortes area businesses such as Dakota Creek Industries and TBailey, Inc.

The development of the TRANSPAC Floating Dock System began in response to interest by the U.S. Navy for typhoon-proof flotation that could stand the test of the most difficult sea conditions. Since then, TRANSPAC MARINAS has designed and completed projects from the South Pacific to Alaska, all along the West Coast, in Colorado and Lake Tahoe. TRANSPAC has been awarded numerous U.S. Patents for its unique designs of float components.

TRANSPAC float systems are designed to withstand some of the most extreme site conditions. The company has focused its resources on projects requiring exceptional performance in difficult wind and wave conditions. In many locations, TRANSPAC float systems are routinely subjected to winds exceeding 135 mph, 3’ to 9’ waves, and severe icing, while mooring 130’ to 180’ vessels.

TRANSPAC MARINAS is currently working on some exciting projects that are ultimately destined for SE Alaska. Some of you may have been wondering about the mysterious, dark, floating structure moored at Cap Sante… Keep your eye on our website — www.transpacmarinas.com—for more information as this project nears completion.

TRANSPAC MARINAS is proud to be a local Anacortes based company and looks forward to many more years of success in this great community.

meet your board

Patti Anderson

Patricia Anderson, or “Patti” as most of her friends and colleagues call her, made her home in Anacortes in 1987. She moved here with her 9-month-old son and husband, Darwin, after buying a small restaurant at the Cap Sante Marina, called “The Captain’s Place.” Patti and Darwin both agreed that Anacortes was the perfect small town to raise their son and live the all American dream of being business owners.

Patti had worked her way through college for a large restaurant corporation eventually ending up in management and loved the industry but she always kept her eye on her first passion, accounting. When her son was old enough, she went to work for a public accounting firm in Bellingham in 1997 and then moved to a large local public accounting firm, Williams & Nulle, PLLC, in 2000, where she still practices today in both their Anacortes and Mount Vernon offices.

She has previously served on the Chamber board as a director in 2007 and then as the treasurer from 2008–2009, where she became a core member of the Anacortes Futures Project, along with Mike Trafton, Mark Bunzel, Pam Allen, Kurt Kennedy and Steve Wilhoit.

“I love living in Anacortes and giving back to my community is very important to me, this is a very special city, full of wonderful people that care, and located in the most beautiful part of the world” she told us.
**BUSINESS INSIGHTS**

**Income: Feast or Famine? Manage it!**

Inconsistent income creates stress for an entrepreneur. Not knowing where, when, or if your next payment is coming will leach the joy from business ownership. While the income of a one person business will rarely be consistent, preparation can help you cope with the peaks and valleys.

**Pay yourself**

Once a week or twice a month, write yourself a check to pay your personal bills. How much? Pay the bare minimum you need to pay your personal expenses.

**Separate your business & personal finances**

To budget correctly maintaining a separate bank account for your personal expenses and business finances is essential.

**Save for lean months**

If you do land a windfall client, set aside the money in your business savings account (not your personal checking account) so that you can draw on those funds to help tide you over during lean months.

There is much more but using this simple model helps.

Want to know more? For FREE & confidential business advice call Tony Salas or James McCafferty at (360) 336-6114.

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Each year Anacortes Chamber of Commerce members support the purchase of flower baskets downtown. We gather a group of volunteers to install them, and the City of Anacortes keeps them healthy and vibrant all season with watering efforts—it’s a perfect partnership. This year the baskets were grown by Channel View Farms in La Conner.

Front Row: Nicholas Huffman, Katy Jewett, Colby Wright, Rachel Drake, Sandy Smith, Marilee Maricich, Raylene Bruder Second Row: Shawn Maricich, Don Measamer, Stephanie Hamilton, On the ladder: Geoffrey Hamilton, Braden Swanson, James Swanson and Matt Miller

**ASCA Anacortes-Nikaho Exchange 2015-2016**

The mission of Anacortes Sister Cities Association (ASCA) is to teach young minds cross cultural understanding, learn teamwork and build self-reliance, provide students with life changing experiences, and ultimately do our small part to increase world peace. Anacortes Sister Cities has relationships with Nikaho City, Japan; Sidney, BC, Canada; Vela Luka, Croatia; and Lomonosov, Russia. The Nikaho City relationship beginning in 1992 was the second sister city and has an established middle school student exchange with more than 300 students and counting having participated in the summertime exchange. ASCA also supports students to other destinations and international programs. We are proud of what the students have been able to accomplish so far and look forward to seeing them further push the boundaries of what is possible.

For 2015-2016 eleven local 6th to 8th grade students have been selected for the Anacortes-Nikaho Exchange. We will host students from Nikaho, Japan this summer and then our students will visit there. In addition to our annual fund raising activities, this year we are also including a crowd funding campaign and reaching out to others in Skagit Valley who may not know of ACSA. For more information please see: [http://gofundme.com/asca-japan](http://gofundme.com/asca-japan) or visit our website: [http://www.anacortessistercities.com](http://www.anacortessistercities.com).
Thanks to Trident Seafoods for hosting our Waterfront Festival Poster Unveiling!

There were delicious treats from Gere-a-Deli made from Trident’s seafood, and refreshing beverages from Anacortes Brewery.

Shirley Yap, General Manager of Shell Puget Sound Refinery, unveiled the 26th Annual poster with Chamber Board President Karin Baldwin.

Thank you to all of our generous community partners for making the 26th Waterfront Festival possible!

Presenting Sponsor - Shell Puget Sound Refinery
Venue - Port of Anacortes
Fleet - Dakota Creek • Island Hospital • Trident Seafoods
Admiralty - Puget Sound Energy • Quantum Construction • Skagit Valley Herald • Swinomish Casino & Lodge • Tesoro
Vice-Admiralty - Bank of the Pacific • Les Schwab • Lorraine’s Sea-Craft • Samish Indian Nation • US Bank
Captain - Anacortes American • Barrett Financial • Birch Equipment • Edward Jones, Jeffrey Flett • Gere-a-Deli • Heritage Bank
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Pirate - Anacortes Construction Services • Anacortes Small Boat Center • Anacortes Yacht Charters • Calico Cupboard • Eslick House Watch
Island Rentals & Supply • Mrs. Robin Pesterino • Scott Richards Insurance • Upstage Boutique & Men’s Store • Washington Federal

June 6
10am-6pm

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Quick & Dirty Boat Building Demo
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Free Children’s Activities • Live Music • Model Boat Show
Visit Anacortes.org for more information

June 7
10am-5pm
thanks...

Thank you to Fidalgo Bay Resort for hosting and sponsoring our May Luncheon and to Gere-a-Deli for catering such a delicious feast. Thanks also to the following business for bringing a giveaway prize.

- Cathy’s Accounting and Bookkeeping Services
- Express Employment Professionals
- Fidalgo Bay Resort
- Fidalgo Living – Best Version Media
- Leadership Skagit
- Louis Auto Glass
- Samish Indian Nation

Thanks to Trident for hosting and sponsoring our Waterfront Festival Poster Unveiling. Thanks also to Gere-a-Deli and Anacortes Brewery for such an amazing spread. Thanks also to the following businesses for bringing a giveaway prize.

- Catherine Mers, Windermere Real Estate
- Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center
- Read Me A Story
- Youth Dynamics

Thank you to Western Washington University for hosting our May Business After Hours at the Shannon Point Marine Center. Thanks also to the following businesses for bringing a giveaway prize.

- Ace Hardware
- Anacortes Candle Company
- Anacortes Marine Services
- Barrett Financial, Ltd.
- Fine Edge Nautical & Recreational Publishing
- Pacific Rim Marine Surveyors
- Read Me A Story
- Western Washington University

new members

ANACORTES PARKS FOUNDATION
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The Anacortes Parks Foundation is a support organization dedicated to improving and creating parks for Anacortes and Guemes Island. Since its conception in 1993 the Foundation has brought in nearly 4 million public dollars to be used for enhancing our community. The completion of the Guemes Channel Trail Project is currently the primary focus. Completed and ongoing projects can be seen at anacortesparksfoundation.org

ANACORTES YACHT CLUB
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The Anacortes Yacht Club is the second oldest continuously functioning yacht club in Washington State and was formed on July 23, 1891. The club continues to this day thanks to the active involvement of its many members. There is a full schedule of year-round sailboat races, cruises, and social get-togethers.

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- Fabrication Technologies, LLC (FabTek)
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- Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center
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- Skagit Valley College
- Soroptimist International of Anacortes/Thrift Shop
- Total Home Services
- Town Cottages
2015 Ambassadors

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Cameron Bigge—Fidalgo Chiropractic
April Breckenridge—Natural Way Chiropractic
Kimberli Gregory—Soria Real Estate
Jack Hamilton—Cap Sante Court Retirement Community
Barry Harter—Central Payment Corporation
Linda Harvey—Anacortes Ship Harbor Inn
Rich Heidecker—Youth Dynamics
Brenden Jones—Bank of the Pacific
Sarah Jurkovich—Washington Federal

Dan Maul—Classic Style & Co.
Catherine Mers—Windermere Real Estate
Cathy Rockwell—Cathy’s Accounting and Bookkeeping Service LLC
Therese Rudzis—Individual member
Kymbr Self—Soria Real Estate
Veronica Spencer—Take Shape For Life
Tricia Sharp—Anacortes Candle Co.
Mary Staley—Marketing WITH Mary
John Williams—Skagit Publishing

Kymbr Self profile

Kymbr Self joined Soria Real Estate in 2014 and offers both an outstanding level of real estate knowledge and exceptional level of professionalism. Kymbr is a licensed real estate agent/broker. She participates in a range of real estate transactions, including residential and waterfront luxury properties. Her recognized relationships and local experience, combined with Soria Real Estate national resources present an exclusive benefit to her clients.

Kymbr has lived in Skagit Valley all of her life, her home in La Conner where she and her family relax and enjoy motorcycling, camping, fishing, running, wine tasting, friends and family time.

Navigating the multifaceted decisions needed in today’s real estate market requires an agent with dedication, experience, and professionalism. Kymbr is devoted to service with an emphasis on accountability, reliability, and enthusiasm. Especially during shifting market cycles, Kymbr provides her clients all the information they will need to help them make informed real estate investment decisions.

The power of relationships and the experience to know how to get things done is the foundation of a successful real estate transaction. Kymbr is well regarded by her peers and has created valuable working relationships with other professionals in the business, including title companies, attorneys, lenders and appraisers.

Fun fact about Kymbr: She named the Mermaid of Bobs Chowder Bar “Sectrocana,” which is “Anacortes” spelled backwards.
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