### Chamber Luncheon

**Health Care Reform - 2017 Employer Impacts**

Wondering how health insurance costs and laws will impact your company in 2017? Tammy Masalonis with McGregor Benefits will present on Affordable Care Act regulations and how you can stay compliant with the new laws. Beyond the laws, she will also review the potential insurance carrier availability in Skagit County and most importantly estimated rate increases for 2017. Tammy Masalonis is an Anacortes health insurance producer specializing in Employer Benefits. McGregor Benefits advises hundreds of employers with their health insurance options and compliance.

Our September luncheon is sponsored by Bob’s Chowder Bar & BBQ Salmon. Bob’s started nine years ago as a small booth at the Anacortes Farmers Market, selling among other tasty treats their original salad dressings. Now Bob’s is celebrating that Lemon Love Dressings will be carried by the nation’s largest grocery store chain, Kroger’s. The Bob’s team is so grateful for the support from the community, and glad to be a part of the Anacortes landscape bringing “fun dining” to A-town.

The lunch will be catered by Bob’s Chowder Bar & BBQ Salmon, and will take place at the Lutheran Church at 22nd Street & O Avenue from 11:30am-1:00pm on Thursday, September 8th. 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 giveaway!

### Business After Hours

The Anacortes Community Theatre and Anacortes Brewery invite chamber members to the grand opening of the Class ACT School of Performing Arts, September 15 from 5:30 – 7pm (1020 11th Ave).

Now in its 52nd year, ACT’s mainstage and fringe season is well underway and continues to provide Anacortes with the finest live stage performances in the region. Class ACT is in its 13th year of operation, delivering high quality youth and adult performing arts classes. Current monthly, quarterly and elementary school classes are continuing with new individualized personal instruction now being offered through Solo ACT. The new facility at 1020 11th Ave, provides the school with a dedicated location for classes and performances and the theatre with quality storage for our costume and prop collection as well as rehearsal and fringe performance space.

The Anacortes Brewery, established in 1994, is the 10th oldest brewery in the state of Washington. They produce over 40 styles annually. Their companion establishments, Rockfish Grill and H2O, provide the community with an unbeatable combination of great food, beverage and entertainment.

Please join ACT and Anacortes Brewery to celebrate Class ACT’s new facility ribbon cutting and grand opening and to support the extraordinary culinary and performing arts community in Anacortes. Enjoy nibbles, beverages, networking and some entertainment of course. Gifts for the giveaway are always welcome. Please RSVP online.
Do you enjoy attending chamber events? Does the idea of volunteering at our festivals bring joy to your heart? We are looking for outgoing, energetic, friendly people to join our ambassador team.

What do Chamber Ambassadors do?
• Raise awareness of chamber activities and benefits
• Inform and involve new chamber members to promote strong continuing membership
• Encourage meaningful and beneficial participation in the chamber’s programs
• Serve as a liaison between the chamber staff and membership

Program Benefits for the Ambassadors
• Increased name and face recognition
• Increased networking opportunities
• Opportunity to connect one-on-one with new and existing chamber members

Program Benefits for the Membership
• Increased access to points of contact who can provide assistance and answer questions
• More frequent chamber communication
• Potential for increased referrals
• Members will feel more connected to the chamber

If you are interested in serving as a chamber Ambassador please contact Sandy Swartos at sswartos@anacortes.org or 360.293.7911.

-Willey Evans

VIC Volunteer Profile

Willy Evans

Willy grew up in the Netherlands and left there at age 19 to “travel the world and learn languages.” After living in London, Paris and Brussels and improving her high school English and French, she immigrated to the US in 1959. Soon after arriving in San Francisco she met dance enthusiast Tom Evans at a folk dance. They married 8 months later and have been dancing ever since (ballroom and folk dancing). Early in their marriage they lived in Colombia and Spain where Tom, a chemical engineer, taught university science courses and Willy studied Spanish and taught English. (They also spent 9 months driving throughout Europe on a tight budget.) After returning to the US in 1965 Willy continued her language studies, taught French, Spanish and ESL, and later on worked as a translator of several languages. The couple has lived in various US locations, ending up in Seattle in 1988 from where they brought their sailboat to Anacortes. They fell in love with beautiful Fidalgo Island and surroundings and retired here in 1994. Willy enjoys volunteering at the Visitor Center and appreciates the friendly interaction among the volunteers. She also helps out as one of the chamber’s downtown tour escorts for passengers of the American Spirit cruise ship which is in town during spring and fall weekends. Occasionally she gets to speak one of her languages with foreign visitors, but of course most of the time she speaks the very first “foreign language” she ever learned - English.

2016 Ambassadors

Taylor Bannister—Boys & Girls Club
Jessica Cantrell—RE/MAX Gateway
Jeremy Carter—Washington National Guard
Barry Harter—Central Payment Corporation
Rich Heidecker—Youth Dynamics
Brenden Jones—Key Bank
Sarah Jurkovich—Washington Federal
Lisa Knight—Valpak of Northwest Washington
Michelle Kyzar—Peoples Bank
Dan Maul—Classic Style & Company
Brad Moore—Sign Dog NW
Leslie Powell—Lighthouse Memory Care
Bill Robards—North Sound Pest Solutions
Cathy Rockwell—Cathy’s Accounting and Bookkeeping Service LLC
Veronica Spencer—Take Shape For Life
Tricia Sharp—Anacortes Candle Company
Mary Staley—Marketing WITH Mary
Since the 1950s, the Shell Oil Company and its employees have called Anacortes “home,” and while a lot has changed since that time, the Shell Puget Sound Refinery’s role in producing important fuel products for our region and its commitment to supporting our community has not.

The Shell Puget Sound Refinery (PSR) fulfills a vital regional role as a West Coast gasoline, diesel and jet fuel producer, creating a reliable source of needed energy products with a steadfast commitment to safety, health and protecting the environment. In fact, the roughly 700 Shell employees and contractors at PSR work to produce more than 25% of the fuels used in the Pacific Northwest, powering our region forward.

In producing these important fuel products, our goal is always to be the best neighbor possible and to provide lasting benefit to the community. We encourage you to provide us with your feedback and to stay connected with our refinery activities by visiting our website (www.shell.us/pugetsoundrefinery), or by following us on Facebook (facebook.com/pugetsoundrefinery) and Twitter (twitter.com/Shell_Anacortes). Say hello to us during the annual Anacortes 4th of July Parade, or stop by for a conversation with our employees at our annual Anacortes Waterfront Festival booth. We also invite you to join us at the 2nd Annual “Fueling Education Fun Run” event, a 5k run and kids race on Sunday October 2nd at Washington Park, with all proceeds benefitting the Anacortes School Foundation.

Whether through creating the critical fuel products that people depend on, the hundreds of family-wage jobs that help drive our local economy, the respectful stewardship of the environmental we all enjoy, or by supporting and giving back to the community we love, the Shell Puget Sound Refinery is honored to be your neighbor and to call Anacortes “home.”
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BIER ON THE PIER

OCTOBER 7TH
5pm-9pm

OCTOBER 8TH
12pm-6pm

30 BREWERIES
FOOD MUSIC
10 CIDERIES
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2016 Anacortes Bier on the Pier Festival

The 7th Annual Anacortes Bier on the Pier Festival taps the kegs on October 7th and 8th at the Port of Anacortes, overlooking the Guemes Channel. Guests to the festival this year will enjoy an expanded event space with 30 breweries on hand sampling over 70 different beers, and a special cider section highlighting ten regional cideries and their delicious gluten-free creations. New this year is the state’s only gluten-free brewery Ghostfish Brewing Company. The festival will feature a selection of local food trucks and vendors to fill guests up and fuel their energy to dance.

Tickets are $25 in advance, $30 at the door. Two-day tickets are $45 in advance, $50 at the door. Each ticket comes with a commemorative tasting glass and six tasting tokens. Designated driver tickets are $5 for one day or $10 for two days. Must be 21+. The festival takes place at the Port of Anacortes Transit Shed Event Center 100 Commercial Avenue Anacortes, WA. Friday, October 7th from 5:00pm to 9pm. Saturday, October 8th from 12:00 noon to 6:00pm.

FRIDAY NIGHT
Baby Cakes
Classic American Soul and R&B

SATURDAY AFTERNOON
Joe Arlo & Rick Star
Outlaw Country

SATURDAY NIGHT
Hot Damn Scandal
American Gypsy Blues

October 7th - 5:00–9:00pm
October 8th - 12:00–6:00 pm
Port of Anacortes Transit Event Center
100 Commercial Avenue

Tickets: $25 in advance - $30 at the door
Two-Day Pass: $45 in advance - $50 at the door
Designated Driver Tickets $5 for each day
Tickets are available for purchase online at anacortes.org/BIER

Want to get into the festival for free?
Sign up to be a volunteer!

This two-day festival takes many hands to make light work. Volunteering is a great way to get involved with Bier on the Pier and comes with a great perk – a free ticket to the festival! From ticket sales to brewery assistants, this festival has lots of ways that you can help. Volunteer on a Friday and enjoy the festival on Saturday, or vice versa. Come meet great people in the Anacortes community and have fun while greeting guests to our town and celebrating the best of Washington beer. You can sign up to volunteer online, go to anacortes.org/bier or call 360-293-7911.
 Cheers to our Bier on the Pier Sponsors!

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Shore Puget Sound Refineries

2nd Annual

Sunday

October 2nd

5K Fueling Education Fun Run

Check-in Begins 8:30am

Kids Race @ 9:30am (12 & younger)

5K starts @ 10:00am

Links to more info & registration:

Facebook Group: Fueling Education Fun Run

www.databarevents.com/fuelingeducation

(5K Run/Walk & Kid’s Race benefitting the Anacortes Schools Foundation)

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Anacortes Vintage Market

October 15, 2016

Tickets on sale NOW!

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Oct 14th - Friday Night sip & shop $20 (limited tickets) tickets purchase online only

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• Anacortes Farmers Market
• Anthony's Restaurant
• Chinook Enterprises
• Costco Wholesale
• Favorite Associates, Inc.
• Fidalgo Animal Medical Center
• Flynn, Peggy
• Interpreting Technology
• Island Internal Medicine
• Orcas Island Eclipse Charters & Whale Watch Tours
• Pestarino, Robin H.
• RE/MAX Gateway
• Rockfish Grill/Anacortes Brewery/H2O
• Ship House Inn
• Soria Real Estate
• Starbucks Coffee Company
• Thousand Trails Encore

EDASC roadshow

FOCUS for Your Success

Focus is a result of intention and attention. Yet, goldfish have longer attention spans than we do. A Harvard researcher proved the attention span of a goldfish = 9 seconds. Human beings = 8 seconds. That means is we tend to rush through life distracted, impatient, perpetually on to the next thing. At work, we’re constantly interrupted and besieged with conflicting priorities. We rarely really focus on anything. As a result, we don’t really engage and we’re not nearly as effective as we could be. In this workshop with Tony Salas, EDASC/SBDC Certified Business Advisor, attendees will learn how to accomplish more by doing less with five rules of focus. He will teach how to accomplish what you want, when you want. Free to chamber members. Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 3:30pm in the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce boardroom. 819 Commercial Avenue, Suite F, upstairs. Register online at www.skagit.org/events

Thanks to the volunteers that helped out at the chamber’s Arts Festival booth. Community kids had a chance to decorate buoys to be displayed on the community Christmas tree. We had close to 500 buoys decorated over the three days of the festival! Be sure to join us in December to see all of the beautiful buoys on display.
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**Ribbon Cuttings**

**Jamie’s Signs**

Congratulations to Jamie’s Signs on the opening of their new office space in Anacortes. Pictured here from left to right are Kayden Brown, Jennifer Harju, Asher Harju, Ethan Simpson, Isaiah Harju, owner Cindy Harju, Ella Simpson, Tricia Sharp, owner Jamie Harju, Mayor Laurie Gere, Mary LaFleur, Karin Baldwin, and Stephanie Hamilton.

Congratulations to Caliber Home Loans on the opening of their new office space on Seafarer’s Way in Anacortes. Pictured here from left to right are Karen Norvell (Production Assistant), Melanie Pysden (Bellingham Branch Sales Manager), Mayor Laurie Gere, Scott Ask (Bellingham Branch Manager), and Brady Yeager (Division Vice President). Missing from the photo are Ryan Martin (Team Sales Manager) and Diane Martin (Loan Consultant).
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Thank you, volunteers!

vic (visitor information center) statistics

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