Please join us on June 15 from 5:30-7:00pm at the Depot for this month’s Business After Hours hosted by Unique Romance Travel. Carla Schipper, Founder of Unique Romance Travel, has been doing business in Anacortes since 2007 after moving from Southwest Missouri where she owned All About Honeymoons Travel agency. She, along with nine other agents have over 25 years of combined Professional Travel Agency experience to serve all of your travel needs. They specialize in family vacations, multi-generational travel, destination weddings, honeymoons, groups, and luxury travel vacations in all the areas that you can imagine and dream of visiting. They make sure that all couples, families, and groups receive added value and VIP treatment when traveling to the many beautiful luxury destinations throughout the world. They do not charge you a fee for their services as they are partners with many international travel wholesalers that compensate them for their dedicated work. All you need to do is relax, breath and let them take care of the details for you.

This BAH is a Hawaiian Theme, so please wear your Hawaiian shirt! There will be a Tiki Bar, Hawaiian swag, and for a raffle there is a grand prize of a three-night stay Ocean facing accommodations at Mauna Kea Beach Hotel on the Big Island. Be sure to come and be ready to listen to some great Hawaiian music and have some fun!

We look forward to seeing you Thursday, June 15 from 5:30-7:00pm, at the Depot, located at 611 R Ave, and remember that gifts for the giveaway are welcome! RSVP to the chamber online or by calling the office at 293-7911.
a message from the president

June is one of my favorite months of the year. It feels like everything is alive and the town is filled with fun events. It’s time when we run into our neighbors and welcome our guests.

On Friday, June 2 is the Waterfront Festival Kick-off Dinner produced by the Port of Anacortes. That evening is also the kick off of the chamber sponsored ArtWalk (Friday 6:00-9:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am-4:00 pm).

New this year is a combination of Open Streets and the First Friday Art Walk. Commercial Avenue between 4th and 6th street will be closed to vehicles from 6:00 – 9:00 pm on June 2, July 7 and September 1 for a Street Plaza setting. People will be able to shop late, dine and socialize in an outdoor setting, while listening to live music.

Our own Waterfront Festival will be in full swing Saturday, June 3rd and Sunday, June 4th. You can read more about all the fun activities later in the newsletter or online at www.anacortes.org.

The Community Plaza Dance will be held on Saturday at 6:00-8:00 pm at the Depot.

June also kicks off live music in many outdoor venues: the Heart of Anacortes, Seafarer’s Park, the Depot, and Cap Sante Marina – thanks to so many community sponsors for providing these entertainment opportunities.

The much-awaited spray pad at Storvik park will open in June providing joy and fun for families throughout what is surely to be a beautiful summer.

The Independence Day Parade is scheduled for 11:00 am on Tuesday, July 4, with the town photo taking place at 10:00 am on the corner of 5th and Commercial Ave. We would love to see more businesses and community organizations building true parade floats.

Enjoy our beautiful island getaway!

Stephanie Hamilton
President

meet your board

Teresa Wainman

Teresa Wainman was born and raised in Seattle and always considered the Northwest her home. But after high school things changed dramatically for her family. They moved to California and then Hawaii, not to return permanently to the Northwest for many years.

Meanwhile, Teresa headed to Los Angeles where she completed undergraduate studies at U.C.L.A. and then ultimately graduated from Whittier College School of Law. During that period she and her husband Daryl raised two sons. But Teresa always knew she would return to the Northwest, so after practicing law in Los Angeles for 25 years, she and Daryl decided to turn the page and begin a new chapter. They had been frequent visitors to Anacortes through the years, often visiting Teresa’s parents who retired on Guemes Island. During those trips they felt drawn to the beauty, freedom and abundant outdoor activities readily available to everyone. Not surprisingly, plenty of rainy summer afternoons were spent trying to occupy two little boys so, a favorite stop in Anacortes was always San Juan Lanes.

In 2008 San Juan Lanes came up for sale and in September 2010 the Wainman’s along with their son Ethan moved to Anacortes and took over the business.

Teresa’s urge and instinct to work and be productive was strong and so, the challenge of mastering the art of being a small business owner took hold. She had always been an employee; now she was an employer. Shocking new reality! And the notion that it’s a whole new world being in business for yourself came into focus. Soon she realized that her business was a part of a larger community that was very important to the vitality of Anacortes and its citizens and if they all succeeded then the town would thrive.

Running San Juan Lanes Bar & Grill has been a challenge, but also the perfect portal for meeting neighbors, making friends, and getting to know Anacortes. We are fortunate to hear, the good and the sometimes not so good, of what people really think! For that we are grateful, because we can benefit from that public opinion.

Growing and developing Anacortes in keeping with the intentions and needs of its citizens is a primary goal of Teresa in joining the Chamber’s Board.

Being a small business owner has been very enlightening of the difficulties faced in keeping the lights on, the doors open and making a profit in this state. Teresa is sensitive to those challenges and is highly motivated to support those fellow businesses in Anacortes to be successful, and also to bring more varied and needed small businesses to town.
In 1996, Shane and Jennifer Aggergaard started a small whale watching company with a wooden fishing boat. Twenty-one years later, Island Adventures has grown to the largest whale watching company in Washington state—operating three state-of-the-art vessels out of five departure locations. 2017 represents the biggest year in company history by welcoming the brand-new Island Explorer 5 to Anacortes. This Australian designed, La Conner built vessel was the brainchild of Aggergaard, who’s wanted to design a whale watching vessel from the ground up his entire career. After two years of design and over 50,000 man hours, the Island Explorer 5 is ready to carry approximately 30,000 passengers annually.

Anacortes has become the destination for whale watching in the Pacific Northwest, drawing in tens of thousands of people from all over the globe. With the new vessel (Island Explorer 5), Island Adventures ushers in a new era that will change whale watching in the area forever. They can now comfortably cruise at 25 knots and there’s enough room for everyone inside and out. The added speed and comfort gives them an unparalleled tour through the San Juan Islands. Island Adventures' continued growth drives the passion to show the world-class scenery and its amazing whales/wildlife.

Island Adventures strives to create magical memories that will their guests a lifetime. Since 1996 they have been committed to offering passengers much more—striving to exceed guests’ expectations each and every day.

Island Adventures is a home-grown, family owned company. They are honored to be able to live and work in this wonderful community of Anacortes and are happy to contribute to many programs here in Skagit County and beyond. In addition to monetary donations, Island Adventures has given thousands of whale watching gift certificates to local charities, support to the Anacortes STEM program and fundraisers for local service groups.

The finest whale watching boat on the entire west coast (if not the world) is now running from Anacortes.

On Thursday, May 4th, we celebrated the annual Waterfront Festival Poster Unveiling event. Thank you to Trident Seafoods for transforming your space for us, and of course the great fish for the menu. Thanks to Gere-a-Deli, Rockfish Grill/Anacortes Brewery and San Juan Vineyards for the wonderful spread of food and drink.

Thanks to our Presenting Sponsor Shell Puget Sound Refinery for their continued support of this free community event. (Pictured is Shell General Manger Shirley Yap and Chairman of the Board Brian Johnson).

This annual event is our way of thanking all of our sponsors who we could not do this event with out.

We look forward to seeing you June 3rd and 4th on the water!
beautification

On May 7th, dozens of flower baskets were hung with special thanks to the Anacortes Wrestlers and lovers of choir. We could not have done it with out you, thank you!

ribbon cutting

On May 4th we celebrated with a ribbon cutting at Bloom Apothecary. Congratulations to Kelly Ann Nickerson on your location at 1019 Q Avenue

Anacortes
4th of July Parade

Please enter your float or marching group in this years 4th of July Parade contest for a chance to win best float or marching group. Winners will be announced at the Rock the Dock event. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- Craftmanship: Originality, Quality of Work
- Design: Patriotic, Animation/Music
- General Effect: Crowd Appeal, Costume and Casting, Theme (Extra points if entrant is a float)

Applications are available at the Parks Department at City Hall and are due by June 20, 2017, Attn: Sylvia Cooper.
The 28th Annual Anacortes Waterfront Festival is days away at the beautiful Cap Sante Marina. All of your longtime Waterfront Festival favorites will be back this year along some exciting new attractions. Make it a full weekend by attending the Waterfront Festival Kick-Off Dinner on June 2nd at 6pm, hosted by the Port of Anacortes. At the festival, you can take a free boat ride with the Anacortes Yacht Club, build memories in the children’s boat making area with the Fidalgo Island Rotary, explore custom classic cars, and cheer on the Quick and Dirty Boat Demonstration. The fourth Annual Community Plaza Dance in honor of Anacortes’s maritime heritage will also take place at the Depot Arts Center from 6-8pm on Saturday evening. We want to thank our community sponsors that help to make this free, family event possible. Visit the festival website at anacortes.org for more details about all of the festival events.
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• Anacortes Oil & Vinegar Tasting Bar
• Gary Thramer – Edward Jones
• Interpreting Technology
• Jeffrey Pleet – Edwards Jones
• Washington Federal

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• ACE Hardware
• Alley Cat Antiques/Marine Supply & Hardware
• Classic Style & Company LLC
• E Fresh Design, LLC
• Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center
• Gary Thramer – Edward Jones
• Jennings Chiropractic, Inc. P.S.
• Lighthouse Park RV & Mini Storage
• Peoples Bank
Mindy Holland was born and raised in Anacortes and graduated from Anacortes High School. After graduation, she received an Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree from Whatcom Community College in Bellingham, WA and is a 2016 graduate of Leadership Skagit. Mindy is the Business Development Strategist for a local technology company, Interpreting Technology, located in Burlington, WA. Interpreting Technology is the largest I.T. provider in Skagit County covering all areas of I.T. services including computers, networking, servers and installation, data security, software, data recovery, consulting and much more for both business and residential clients!

Mindy currently serves on the Leadership Skagit Alumni Committee, the Boys and Girls Club of Skagit County Auction Committee, the Northern Washington Home Brewers Guild (NorWa)-serving as secretary from 2013-2016, is a member of Business Builders Northwest, the Chair of the Community Tesoro Advisory Group (CTAG), is a member of the Sedro-Woolley, Burlington, Mount Vernon and Anacortes Chambers of Commerce and a member of the Skagit/Island Counties Builders Association. Additionally, Mindy is an advocate and supporter of the Friendship House.

Mindy and her husband Mark live in Anacortes and enjoy all that the beautiful outdoors we are surrounded by offers including boating, crabbing, fishing, camping, and taking short hikes. Additionally, in her free time Mindy loves to cook, garden, volunteer, read true crime stories and assist her husband with brewing award winning beer.

2017 Relay for Life of Anacortes
Join Us
at our remaining three Team Rally Meetings
Wednesday, April 19th, Wednesday, May 17th
Wednesday, June 21st
6:00 pm – Anacortes Christian Church - 1211 M Avenue
Join us at this informative meeting where we will discuss details for this year’s event! Meeting will be held in the downstairs meeting room at the southeast entrance of the building

The Main Event
Saturday, June 24th – 12:00 pm to
Sunday, June 25th – Noon
Rice Field – 1600 20th St., Anacortes, WA

DREAM BIG.
HOPE BIG.
RELAY BIGGER!

Questions – Contact Chris Zimmerman at 360-293-1650 or visit the website www.relayforlife.org/anacorteswa

We hope to see you all there!

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vic (visitor information center) statistics

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Saturday June 24th

Whale of a Sale
SAVE BIG on clothing, home goods, antiques, gifts, jewelry, and more - just look around on the sidewalks in downtown Anacortes

Coast in, Hang out.™