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## Business After Hours

Please join us on Thursday, May 17th 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Anacortes Family Center at 1011 27th St. for this month’s after hours event as we break ground on our new 20-unit affordable housing project!

The mission of the Anacortes Family Center (AFC) is to serve homeless women, children and families in crisis by providing shelter in addition to comprehensive transformational services to achieve long lasting personal success and self-sufficiency. Since 2009, AFC has served more than 900 vulnerable individuals in our community; over half of those served were children.

In addition to our 60-90 day Emergency Shelter Program, AFC also implements the Family Transformation Center program for clients who require more time and support to achieve self-sufficiency, as well as the Motel Voucher program. 2017, AFC served across all programs a total of 141 households consisting of 310 individuals, 143 of which were children.

Find out more by attending our Business After Hours, Thursday May 17th from 5:30 - 7:00pm. Please RSVP online or by calling 360-293-7911. Gifts for the giveaway are always welcome!
a message from the chair

It is with great pleasure that I report back to you on the Anacortes Boat and Yacht Show! There will be a wide variety of vendors coming from as far south as Portland, Oregon and North British Columbia to display at our show (over 100 signed up so far).

The tent will be first class with a floor and measuring 9,000 square feet. We have been placing ads in many magazines and doing a push on social media, television and Internet advertising to ensure that folks know when and where the show will be.

We have had a boat show in Anacortes for approximately 20 years, there have been many folks that have stepped up to volunteer to put this show on, year after year. It was time to take our boat show up a notch and really showcase all Anacortes has to offer as a vibrant, world class marine community. This would mean partnering with a group that knows how to run a world class boat show: the Northwest Marine Trade Association.

While the first year of any event can be a challenge, we expect that it will be very impressive. Anyone from a young family that just wants to get on a paddle board or in a kayak, to the world class mega yacht shopper. There will be something to accommodate everyone at our show!

Tickets are now on sale at www.anacortesboatandyachtshow.com. Please come out and support this great event!

If you would like to volunteer, we would be glad to have you. We are looking to fill 64, four hour time slots. The show is May 17-20, get ready Anacortes! If you haven’t been out on the water, this is the show to get you there!

- Mary LaFleur, owner ALT Insurance, Board Chairman

chamber luncheon

Bring plenty of business cards and get ready for a luncheon focused on creating lasting relationships through networking! Chat with other chamber members, talk about what you both do, but also remember to learn about the person you’re connecting with.

The Andeavor refinery is this month’s luncheon sponsor. The Andeavor refinery has been a part of the local community for over 60 years. Since it first began operations back in 1955, their employees and contractors have been proud to call Anacortes and the surrounding communities home.

Andeavor employees and their families engage in the community through a variety of activities and volunteer organizations including youth sports, scouting, PTA and joining the boards of local civic and charitable organizations.

Andeavor supports these efforts through their employee contribution matching program and their “Dollars for Doers” program that augments volunteer hours with grants from the Andeavor Foundation.

Andeavor is privileged to be a part of the Anacortes community and are proud to continue investments in both the refinery and the local community.

The lunch will take place at the Majestic Inn and Spa, 419 Commercial Ave, Thursday, May 10th, 11:30am - 1:00pm. Please RSVP and pay online or in the chamber office to receive the $18.00 luncheon rate. Payment at the door at the time of the luncheon will be $20. Gifts for the giveaway are always welcome!
Pacific Party Canopies

Pacific Party Canopies has had a presence in Skagit County for over 30 years. They were established in 1987 by owner Greg Greenfield in his garage in Anacortes. The inventory included a few canopies and some tables and chairs. They moved to south Mount Vernon in 1995 with 1,700 square feet of warehouse space. Greg and former partner Jim Baker grew the business by purchasing more equipment and hiring more crew to handle the growing demand for party rental services not only in the local community, but also in other regions of the state.

The business moved to Burlington in 1999 where they leased about 8,000 square feet of space on Pease Road. Continued growth allowed for expanded product lines and services. After an amicable dissolution of the partnership in 2004, Greg purchased PPC’s current property in Burlington directly across the street from the old location on Pease Road.

Settling in to a spacious 20,000 square feet of warehouse space, they were able to make dramatic improvements in the efficiency of the day-to-day operation allowing for further growth. Offices and a showroom were built in the east end of the building in 2006 with occupancy taking place in May. PPC employs a “core” staff of 14 dedicated men and women who take pride in working for a reputable, successful business. Seasonally, they hire 20-25 summer crew, many of whom return year after year.

As Anacortes natives PPC supports many community events including Waterfront Festival, Anacortes Arts Festival, and several Chamber events. Pacific Party Canopies is a team of service professionals dedicated to providing clean, quality party rental equipment professionally installed at a competitive rate. "Service" is their mantra. From the initial phone call to the truck pulling away from the job site, you can expect courteous, professional service from every member of their team.

PPC’s longest employee is their Manager, Laura. She has been with the company for over 23 years. In addition, most of the team has been erecting tents for 10 years or more, some as long as 20. This is almost unheard of in the event industry. It’s a clear testament to the quality of the leadership at this fun and thriving local business.

thank you to nancy

We are saying goodbye (aloha kakou!) to our Events and Communications Director, Nancy Ryland-Carey, as she has moved on to the Port of Anacortes as the Events and Marketing Coordinator. Nancy brought outstanding customer service, attention to detail and a flair of style to the chamber. We appreciate her innovative ideas, which brought refreshing changes. The good news is we will still get to work closely with her in her new position – as the majority of our large events are in port venues. We will miss her laughter! Thanks Nancy for your work and for helping to train Heather.

welcome to heather

Heather Miller has just recently joined the Chamber staff team as the Events and Communications Coordinator. She and her husband Matt owned and ran Toy Stories (Read Me A Story) for 14 years before closing it in January. Heather and Matt have been Chamber members since opening the store in 2004 and have both served on the Board of Directors over the years, so she knows the Chamber mission and goals. Growing up, going to school and living on the east coast, the Pacific NW was a new adventure. The Millers moved to Anacortes with the Navy in 1999 from Virginia and have made it home ever since. They have 2 children who both attended Anacortes schools from K-12, son Alex is on active duty in flight school for the Navy in Texas, and daughter Brittany works for Claiborne Horse Farm in Kentucky.
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ambassador profile
Carol Van Iterson
In February of this year Carol became an Ambassador but she is not a stranger to the Anacortes Chamber as she has served two different terms on the Chamber Board of Directors and was on the Membership committee.
She has worked in banking in the Anacortes community for more years than she wants to admit and currently is employed with Bank of the Pacific as a Business Banking Officer.
She enjoys working with the Anacortes Business Community and is able to do this both through her job and her involvement with The Chamber. She and her husband Bruce own a small wholesale business located on Guemes Island.

Though Carol is a “silent partner,” she is well aware of the challenges and rewards involved in running your own business.
Carol moved here in the late 70’s and Bruce in the late 60’s where he grew up on Guemes Island. They met and eventually married, raising their three sons here – all of whom attended Anacortes Schools. Carol says Anacortes is a great community to raise children and the saying “It takes a Village to raise a Child” is truly the case here. She used to tell her boys that she might not be able to keep an eye on them all the time, but someone would and she would hear about it!
They are avid boaters and are out on the water as much as their busy lives permit, exploring the San Juan’s and Canadian waters. She also enjoys gardening and travel. She has three grandchildren who are the loves of her life!
The Anacortes Waterfront Festival is a treasured event, kicking off the summer season here on Fidalgo Island. This community focused, family event brings thousands of guests to Anacortes the first weekend of June.

Planning for the festival has begun and there are many ways that your business can be involved. You can become a sponsor of the festival, join the festival committee, have your business operate a children’s activity booth, volunteer at the info booth, or put a team together to compete in the Quick and Dirty Boat Building demo.

Sponsorship of the Anacortes Waterfront Festival is a great opportunity to highlight your business, show community involvement and be part of a weekend of activities in Anacortes. There are many sponsorship levels available with promotional opportunities for your business.

Contact Heather Miller, hmiller@anacortes.org, to discuss the best way to involve your business in this popular community event.
new members

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Boating

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• Anacortes Lions Club
• Anacortes Property Management
• Anacortes Schools Foundation
• Anacortes Sister Cities Association
• Andeavor
• Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism
• Cathy’s Accounting and Bookkeeping Service LLC
• Fidalgo DanceWorks
• Highliner Charters
• Island Adventures, Inc.
• Kennelly Keys Music
• Micro AeroDynamics, Inc.
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• Playhouse Dental
• Red Salon
• San Juan Airlines
• Shell Puget Sound Refinery
• Skagit Publishing/The Argus/Courier Times
• Sound Events
• Sunrise Inn Villas and Suites
• United Way of Skagit County
• Workman, Allen @ John L. Scott Real Estate

2018 ambassadors

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Stephanie Bayless - Sherwin-Williams Paint Store
Brandon Carter - Robert W Baird
Crystal Eddy - Skagit Bank
Barry Harter - Central Payment Corporation
Rich Heidecker - Chamber Member
Mindy Holland - Interpreting Technology
Shona Martin - Fidalgo Financial Planning LLC
Jessica Nguyen - Peoples Bank
Richard Riddell - Edward Jones
Sarah Sanders - Cap Sante Court Retirement Community
Meagan Schwab - People’s Bank
Veronica Spencer - Release Your Gorgeous Health
Carol Van Iterson - Bank of the Pacific
Brianna Vyrostek - Bob’s Chowder Bar & BBQ Salmon
Charles Yousling - Waddell & Reed Inc

thanks...

Thank you to United Way for sponsoring our April Luncheon. Thank you also to The Majestic Inn and Spa for hosting and preparing such a delicious meal. Thanks also to the following businesses for bringing a giveaway prize.
• Apothecary Spa
• Bella Ve Permanent Makeup & Healing Arts
• Bubba Suds Car Wash and Detail
• Bunnies By The Bay
• Costco Wholesale
• United Way of Skagit County
• Whidbey Island Vintners & Distillers Assoc.
Thank you for a fantastic 2018 Spring Wine Festival!

The Anacortes Chamber of Commerce would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone to make our 2018 festival a success. We had wineries from across the state - and beyond! - here in our waterfront town, pouring tastes to over 1,000 guests in attendance. The community support for the VIP bags was appreciated by all, and umbrellas were on standby if needed.

We want to thank the caterers who served delicious bites at the festival - 5th Street Bistro, Dad’s Diner, Gere-a-Deli, Taylor Shellfish, Vivi’s Kitchen, and LaConner Seafood and Prime Rib.

We also want to thank our sponsors whose support provide the means to put together this festival. It benefits the community in multiple ways, and our guests have a fabulous time exploring the island before, and after, the event. Many thanks to: Andeavor, Swinomish Casino and Lodge, Shell Puget Sound Refinery, Bank of the Pacific, Heritage Bank, The Apothecary Spa, loanDepot, KAFE/KISM, Anacortes American, TCC Verizon, Trident Seafoods, Anthony’s, Peoples Bank, Sherwin Williams, Skagit Bank, Savi Bank, Reisner Distributing, Pacific Party Canopies, Scott Milo Gallery, Fidalgo Bay Resort, and Tri County Recycling.

200 VIP Swag bags were assembled for those guests that included items from the following businesses: Anacortes Oil and Vinegar, Angel of the Winds, Apothecary Spa, Anacortes Arts Festival, Anacortes Yacht Charters, Bank of the Pacific, Barlean’s, Caldwell Banker Bain, City of Anacortes, Costco, Debra Crowe, Enterprise Rent A Car, Express Personnel, Furin & Co, Island Adventures, Island Hospital, State Representative Jeff Morris, Kat Nap Inn, Majestic Inn and Spa, Peoples Bank, Safeway, Savi Bank, SeaBear, Swinomish Casino, Sound Dentistry and Windermere Real Estate. Thank you all!
chamber offices

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Sandy Swartos Visitor Information & Operations Director
Amanda Hubik Marketing & Promotions Director
Heather Miller Events & Communications Coordinator
Kristi Daniels & Crystal Johnson Licensing Sub-Agents

vic (visitor information center) statistics

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