

RONAN AREA CHAMBER NEWS

February 2010

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Executive Director Message

Special thanks to our outgoing President Wayne Fuchs (St. Luke's). Wayne will continue to serve on the board as past-president. Re-elected members include Ky Bartels and Andy Holmlund. Through your dedication and service to the Chamber of Commerce we have grown to become a more successful organization.

Congratulations to our newly elected members who will serve on the Chamber Board as of February 2010. Please join us in welcoming Karen Dellwo (First Interstate Bank) , Ronna Walchuk (Ronan Flower Mill) and Mick Holien (Friend of the Chamber)

Just a reminder that all members are welcome to attend board and committee meetings. Since a major role of a Chamber is to serve our members, your voice is the key element to achieving our mission.

See you on Thursday!

Tracy Suter

Chamber Announcements

The Ronan Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announced we have joined the Montana Chamber of Commerce.

Coming events include the 31st Annual Ag Appreciation Dinner. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact any events committee member or call the chamber office at 676-8300.

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*

Margaret Mead



General Chamber Meeting Agenda for February 4, 2010

- Board Elections Results - Welcome to New Board Members
- Chamber Committee Updates
- The Chamber in 2010

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Chamber Director

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Chamber Committees

Beautification Committee - Ky Bartels, Patty Winter, Tracy Suter, Shane Shima, Shad Hupka, Bob Gauthier, Beth Preston.

Events Committee - Adina Fox, Summer Goddard, Tracy Suter, Brennin Graine, Cheri Houle, Karen Dellwo, Shane Shima, Gayle Wilhelm, Ray Aylesworth, Wayne Fuchs, Sharon Kjørvestad, Ky Bartels, Carlene Bockman, Shane Shima and Rochelle Gauthier.

Government Relations Committee - Karen Dellwo, Brennin Graine, Al Skogen, Robin Nelson, Kim Swaney, Sharon Kjørvestad, Cheri Houle and Shad Hupka.

Marketing Committee - Gayle Wilhelm, Summer Goddard, Tracy Suter, Martha Suter, Rob McDonald, Judy Cook, and Al Skogen.

Membership Committee - Tracy Suter, Wayne Fuchs, Beth Preston, Andy Holmlund, Shane Shima, Judy Cook, Patti Winter and Boone Goddard.

If you would like to get involved in any committee please contact Boone Goddard at 676-8989, Tracy Suter at 676-8300 or any chamber committee member. Your help and input is always appreciated.

2010 Roundup Schedule

Sign up to host a monthly Ronan Roundup today!

Call the Chamber at 676-8300 or email info@ronanchamber.com.

The dates are:

February 11th- Open

March 11th- Open

April 8th - Ronan Power Products

May 13th - Cheri's Kitchen Catering

June 10th - Open

July 8th - Lake County Fair Board and Lake County 4-H

August 12th - Open

September 9th - Open

October 14th - Open

November 11th - Open

December 9th - Community Bank

The Ronan Round-up is sponsored each month by a Ronan Area Chamber of Commerce business. It is a way for local businesses to invite other business owners, staff and the public into their facilities to see what is available and to see what each business has to offer to customers. It's a great way for each business owner to learn where they can refer people when questions are asked about the availability of products and services in the area.

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2010 Renewal Applications will be in the mail next week.

As a special Thank You to our New and renewing Chamber Members, we are giving each member a limited edition piece of art by local artist Ron Jenkins. The original piece will be auctioned as a Chamber Fundraiser in the coming months. Additional details will be posted on the website and in next months Chamber newsletter.

Ronan Area Chamber of Commerce Chamber Members

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| Anderson Radio Broadcasting | Mission Valley Security |
| Allied Waste | Mission Valley Vet Clinic |
| All-Ways Talking Toastmasters Club | Mission Valley Workforce Center |
| Arnie's Gas and Tire | Montana Ace Hardware |
| Aylesworth Insurance Agency | Mountain West Bank |
| Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lake County | Mountain West Cooperative |
| Big Sky Flooring Company | Muley Bluz |
| Bishop Insurance Agency | Pheasant, Inc. |
| Boys & Girls Club of the Flathead Reservation | Pinnacle Publishing |
| Cheri's Kitchen Catering | Pizza Café |
| Click Here Designs, LLC | Pioneer Days Company |
| Community Bank | Polson Flathead Historical Museum |
| Daily Inter Lake | R&R Healthcare Solutions |
| Don Aadsen Ford | Rainbow Septic |
| Energy Partners LLC | Ronan Auto Body Sales & Service |
| Family Health Pharmacy | Ronan Auto Parts NAPA |
| First Interstate Bank | Ronan Booster Club |
| French & Grainey | Ronan Chiropractic Inc. |
| Friends of the Ronan City Library | Ronan Dairy Queen |
| Glacier Bank | Ronan Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep |
| Grogan's Suds and Duds | Ronan Eye Clinic |
| Grogan Funeral Home | Ronan Flower Mill |
| Hanson & Granley-True Value | Ronan Harvest Foods |
| Image Quest Screenprinting | Ronan Liquor Store |
| Insty Prints of Polson | Ronan Power Products |
| Java Junction | Ronan Professional Center |
| John's Fuel Farm | Ronan Sports and Western |
| Jore Corporation | Ronan Telephone Company |
| Judy Cook, LLC | Rose Bud Deli & Catering |
| Kicking Horse Job Corps | S & K Electronics |
| Ky Bartels | S & S Sports |
| Lake County Abstract and Title | School District #30 |
| Lake County Community Development Corp. | Second Chance Saloon |
| Lake County Leader | Shrider - Thompson Funeral & Cremation Services |
| Lake County Youth Home | St.-Char-Ro Floral & Event Rental |
| Les Schwab Tire Center | St. Luke Foundation |
| Lost Creek Ranch Yaks | St. Luke Community Healthcare |
| Lynn's Drive-In | The Total Home |
| Main Harbor Pumps & Well Drilling | Theresa Walter |
| Main Street Gallery & Framing | Valley Bank |
| McDonalds | Valley Journal |
| Mick Holien | Veterinary Services |
| Mission Foods | Western Building Center |
| Mission Heating & Air | Western Montana New Holland |
| Mission Mountain Enterprises | Westland Seed |
| Mission Mountain Golf Course | White Elephant Store |
| Mission Valley Printing | Windermere Real Estate |
| Mission Valley Power | Wright Real Estate |
| Mission Valley Riders | |

Thank You to all our Members for your continued support!
 Membership application is available online at www.ronanchamber.com

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Benefits to Being a Chamber Member

Join today and start taking advantage of the benefits of membership in the Ronan Area Chamber of Commerce

Here are just a few of the benefits we have to offer:

- Montana Chamber Choices group health insurance program .
- Receive informative monthly Chamber newsletter.
- Exclusive Members-only Listings in Membership Directory and in Chamber publications.
- Exclusive Members-only Listings on Chamber web site with a free link to your site.
- Periodic email updates to keep you updated on Chamber and community activities.
- Your business brochures displayed at Chamber Visitor Center.
- Business referrals from the Chamber and Visitors Center.
- Free listing or brochure in Chamber sponsored relocation packets.
- Opportunities to serve on Chamber committees.
- Participate in Ronan Roundup, a monthly after hours networking and social event sponsored by a different Chamber business each month.
- Member 2 Member Discounts - Chamber members who shop at other participating Chamber member locations may receive various discounts such as 5% - 10% off merchandise, free installation, special coupons, etc. (Discounts are determined by each participating Chamber member.)
- Advertising Opportunities through the Chamber Monthly Newsletter and website.
- Various Chamber Sponsored Events - Ag Dinner, Crab Fest, Harvest Fest, Holiday Treasures, Thanksgiving Dinner, Spring Clean Up, Christmas Dinner, Sidewalk Sale Days and more.

You can make a difference in your community through Chamber sponsored activities and events.
Your investment in The Chamber Benefits You and Your Business.



Chamber Announcement

Calling All Chamber Members!

Please send information about area Clubs & Organizations so they can be included in the newsletter and website.

Please submit them to:

Ronan Chamber of Commerce,

PO Box 254

Ronan, MT 59864

Or email: info@ronanchamber.com

Frequently Asked Questions

Redeeming Chamber Bucks and Chamber Gift Certificates

Need to redeem Chamber Bucks or Gift Certificates?

It's easy! Simply call the Chamber at 676-8300 and leave a message as to how many Bucks or Certificates you have to redeem. Please state your Business Name, the date and the exact amount you have to redeem. Then mail the Bucks or Certificates to the Chamber at PO Box 254, Ronan, MT 59864. When we receive them we will call you to let you know we have them in hand. Please note that checks are cut twice a month. Once on the date of the monthly Chamber Meeting and then again on the date of the Chamber Board Meeting.

Chamber Bucks and Gift Certificates are a great way to reward employees and it helps support the local economy!

Chamber Bucks and Gift Certificates are available from the Ronan Chamber of Commerce. Please call 676-8300 for more information.

TEN REASONS TO SUPPORT FREE ENTERPRISE

By Tom Donohue, President and CEO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

As the U.S. Chamber of Commerce was preparing its *American Free Enterprise. Dream Big.* campaign, we asked ourselves and many others an important question: What do we value most about living in a country powered by free enterprise? Here is our top 10 list, in no particular order:

- (1) **Jobs.** Free enterprise is the only system that can create the 20 million jobs that we'll need in the next decade.
 - (2) **Opportunity.** Regardless of wealth, status, or background, you have a chance to rise as high as your talent and hard work can take you.
 - (3) **Freedom of Choice.** You are free to choose your own path. No one picks your profession or limits what you can do or become.
 - (4) **Innovation.** Free enterprise encourages it, embraces it, and rewards it. Free enterprise excels in developing solutions.
 - (5) **Small Business.** Almost anyone in America can start a business if he or she really wants to. The barriers are low, the opportunities are endless, and if you fail, you can get up off the floor and try again.
 - (6) **Mobility.** No other society offers so many avenues for individuals, families, and succeeding generations to move up the ladder of success.
 - (7) **Quality of Life.** Free enterprise supports a quality of life that previous generations could only dream of. We are living longer and enjoying an unsurpassed level of material comforts because of free enterprise.
 - (8) **A Progressive Society.** A strong economy, powered by free enterprise, generates revenues to educate our children, care for the sick and elderly, provide compassionate support for the less fortunate, and clean our environment.
 - (9) **A Better World.** The size and success of our free enterprise economy has given the United States an unmatched capacity to address global challenges and improve the world.
 - (10) **The American Dream.** It could not exist without free enterprise, for it is our economic freedom that enables us to achieve our dreams. It is free enterprise that breathes life into the promise of America--that a better life is always within our grasp and our country's best days are yet to come.
- These are the reasons why we think that the free enterprise system is worth keeping and worth standing up for.

Member Announcements

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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FEBRUARY 2010		All-Ways Talking Toastmasters Meeting	Board Retreat	Chamber Meeting		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		All-Ways Talking Toastmasters Meeting		Friends of the Library Meeting Willson & McKee Concert		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		All-Ways Talking Toastmasters Meeting	Board Meeting			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Career / Job Fair				
		All-Ways Talking Toastmasters Meeting				

February Schedule of Events

February 2nd
All-Ways Talking Toastmasters Meeting
 6:30pm - 7:30pm at Agnes Vanderberg Building on the SKC campus

February 4th
General Chamber Meeting
 12 Noon at Mission Mountain Golf Course

February 9th
All-Ways Talking Toastmasters Meeting
 6:30pm - 7:30pm at Agnes Vanderberg Building on the SKC campus

February 11th
Friends of the Ronan City Library Meeting
 1:30pm at Ronan City Library, 203 Main St. SW, Ronan

February 11th
Willson & McKee - Big Productions
 7:30pm at Ronan Performing Arts Center, 200 Round Butte Rd. W, Ronan Middle School

February 16th
All-Ways Talking Toastmasters Meeting
 6:30pm - 7:30pm at Agnes Vanderberg Building on the SKC campus

February 17th
Board Meeting

February 23rd
Career / Job Fair
 10am - 3pm at Joe McDonald Health & Wellness Center

February 23rd
All-Ways Talking Toastmasters Meeting
 6:30pm - 7:30pm at Agnes Vanderberg Building on the SKC campus