



Your Bay Area Business Connection

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WELCOME NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS December 21st— January 21st

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Sozo Tea & Coffee House

Sheila Carlstrom & Laura Johnson
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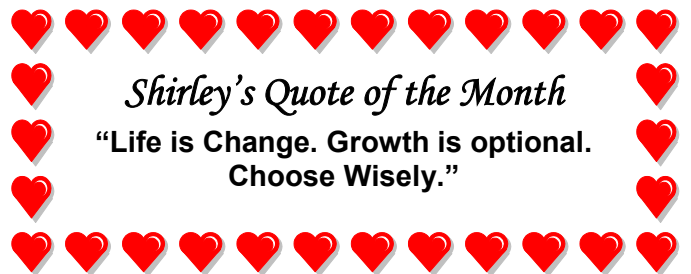
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February--Relationships. Relationships--February. With Valentines Day smack dab in the middle of February it is impossible not to link these.



Valentines Day Thirty-Six years ago I began the most significant relationship of my life. I asked my girlfriend to be my wife. We began this journey without the faintest idea of where it would lead. All we knew was that together we were stronger and better suited to meet the future than we would be if we were alone. As I think about this journey I see many things in common between our life and our community. The only way to move forward toward our common goals is to move together. As we sustain our current relationships and forge new ones we must remember that all people and organizations bring something to the table. The more people and organizations at the table the more ideas to consider. If we meet and treat each other with respect and trust we will move together. Come. Get involved. Lets get to know each other. Happy Valentines Day. See you in the funny papers!

Your President, *Dick Leshley*



Shirley's Quote of the Month

**"Life is Change. Growth is optional.
Choose Wisely."**



**Business After Hours
Wednesday February 23rd at
Renee Frati - State Farm Insurance
1934 Newmark Ave. Suite B
(Behind McDonalds in North Bend)
From 5 till 7 pm come and meet Renee, enjoy
Networking, Food & Refreshments**

Be watching for Chamber—Buy—Chamber in the coming weeks. Chamber Businesses with special offers for Chamber Members. Support yourself—Shop Chamber!



Sozo Tea & Coffee House

Sozo Tea & Coffee House opened its doors to the public on January 2nd 2003 in the heart of downtown North Bend, OR. Named for the Greek word Sozo meaning: "to bring new life to " or "to save." Sozo Tea & Coffee House has become a community centered establishment focused on bringing new life to North Bend.

Sozo Tea & Coffee House is the work of two couples, Andrew and Sheila Carlstrom & David & Laura Johnson. Before moving to the southern Oregon Coast, Andrew & Sheila were tossing around the idea of opening a coffee house in Wisconsin. As life goes, that door was closed and to the west coast they moved in the spring of 2001. Laura moved from North Bend to L.A. to finish her degree: in June of 2001, she moved back to North Bend. "I never thought I would live here again. Now that I am back I love it here. My dream was to own a coffee house with music and an art gallery."

Andrew, Sheila and Laura met in late 2001 and sparked a friendship. By July of 2002 the three formed a partnership with two goals in mind, opening a coffeehouse that would appeal to all types of people, and a place that would have late night hours, with music on the weekends and local artwork.

Originally from Myrtle Point, David moved back to the area after obtaining his degree in education and spending time in the Black Rock desert. David and Laura were married in August of 2003 and David came on board as a partner. Being an artist, David has been able to showcase his work here at Sozo Tea & Coffee House. With two murals in the back room and another to be completed on the exterior north wall of Sozo, David wants to be a part of the artistic movement happening in Downtown North Bend.

"So, with our two goals intact, the four of us combined our love for coffee, tea, art, music, and community, and we strive to focus on customer service and relationships. We are bringing new life to North Bend, and our living room is your home away from home."

At Sozo's you will find, Retail Coffee and Tea products, smoothies, sandwiches, soups in the winter and salads in the summer, as well as pastries, desserts, live music, local art, back room rental for conferences, meetings or parties plus a courtyard and entertainment. Come see us at Sozo's

Kamelot Creations

Kamelot Creations is a business like no other. Susan Baggley has brought the scents and feel of the Hawaiian Islands to the Bay Area. With the opportunity to escape for awhile and thoroughly enjoy the fragrances and incomparable beauty of the tropics. Susan established Kamelot Creations in 1996 during her 11 years living in Paradise. She is here now to offer you the stress relievers you need to get through your busy day. From Massage Oils, Hand & body lotions, body scrubs, incense, Kona coffee, tropical table linens, gift baskets filled with ALOHA and all these wonderful tropical products including table linens, Kamelot Creations has something for you. These items are a perfect gift for corporate gifting, a special person or occasion and a great way to say a special mahalo (thank you). Contact Susan Baggley at 266-0141 for a showing or to book a house party.



The Bay Area Chamber of Commerce
...organized to advance the prosperity of Oregon's Bay Area

24 hour info kiosk outside Visitor Center located at 50 Central, Coos Bay, OR
phone: (541)269-0215 fax: 269-2861
relocation & visitor info
1-800-824-8486
e-mail: bacc@uci.net

www.oregonsbayareachamber.com

Visitor Center Office Hours

9am-5pm Monday-Friday
10am-4pm Saturdays
Noon - 4pm Sundays

The Chamber Businesses Offices are located at

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2005 Chamber Officials

- President
Dick Leshley, *Yellow Cab Taxi*
- President Elect
Jenny Bream, *Brian Bream Screw Machines*
- Vice Presidents
Eileen Ophus, *CCD Business Development Corp.*
Johanna Dillard, *Coastal Paper & Supply*
- Immediate Past President
John Pundt, *Bicoastal Media*
- Secretary
Barbara Gunnell, *Community Financial Services*
- Treasurer
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Welcome Back Returning Members December 20th—January 22nd 2005

Abby's Pizza
Abel Insurance Agency
Acute & Chronic Pain Center
Alder Smokehouse
Alternative Youth Activity
American Red Cross, South Coast Office
Art Connection, Inc.
Bandon Pacific, Inc.
Barrett Business Services, Inc.
Bay Area Dental Lab
Bay Cities Ambulance & Medical Supply
Bay Clinic, LLP
Benetti's Italian Restaurant
Best Western Inn at Face Rock
Bicoastal Media
Big 5 Sporting Goods
Black Market Gourmet
Bob's Sportfishing
Bon-Macy's
BOS Telephone
Bureau of Land Management
Butler's Beach Cottage
Cafe Mediterranean
Campbell's Vacation Apartments
CCD Business Development Corp.
Century 21 Best Realty, Inc.
Checkerberry's Flowers & Gifts
City of Coos Bay
Coast Metal Works, Inc.
Consumer Credit Counseling Service
Coos Bay Marine, Inc.
Coos Bay Toyota
Coos County OSU Extension Service
Coos County Sheriff's Office
Coos Grange Supply
Coos Head Builders
Edgewater Inn
Farr's True Value Hardware
Ferguson Transfer
Fiddlesticks Gifts
Fidelity National Title Co.
George's Gardening Service, Inc.
Georgia Pacific West, Inc.
Gino's Pizza Inn, Inc.
Michael A. Gordon, CPA, LLC
Clare Gove, CPA, PC
Grocery Outlet
Habitat for Humanity
Hargens Construction Co.
Hearthside Rehab & Specialty Care
Hire Calling Staffing Solutions
Industrial Source
Industrial Steel & Supply Co., Inc.
Juul Insurance Agency, Inc.
KCBY-TV
Kinnee's Gifts 'n Shells
Kiwanis Club of Coos Bay
Kyle Electric, Inc.
Life Care Center of Coos Bay
Lumbermen's Building Centers
McSwain & Woods, Architects & Planners
Morgan Veterinary Clinic
Motel 6
Nasburg & Co.
North Bend Chapel
Northwest Hardwoods
Ocean Terminals
One Stop Dollar Shop
Oregon International Port of Coos Bay
Oregon Linen, Inc.
Oregon Parks & Recreation Department
Pacific Power
Pancake Mill Restaurant
Papa Murphy's Pizza
Park Avenue Dermatology, Inc.
Portside Restaurant & Vacation House
Ramcell of Oregon
Rental Owners Association of SW Oregon
Sandbar Mobile & RV Park
Roger Sims, DDS, LLC
Roseburg Forest Products, North Bend & Co-
quille
Safeway, Inc. Coos Bay & North Bend
Sause Bros. Ocean Towing
Scoville & Reiber, CPA's, PC
Smith Barney
Snug Harbor RV Park
Sroptimists of the Bay Area
South Coast Printing & Graphics
Southwest Physical Therapy
Star of Hope
This Olde House Bed & Breakfast
Thomas & Sons Beverage, Inc.
Timber Lodge Motel, Restaurant & Lounge
Tower Motor Company
Umpqua Bank, Coos Bay & North Bend
Unicom
United Way of SW Oregon
Vacation Home at Lighthouse Beach
Vend West Services, Inc.
Video & More
Wal*Mart
Wayne's Color Centre, Inc.
West Coast Fencing
Western Mercantile Agency, Inc.
Willamette Graystone, Inc.

Chamber Celebrates 25 years

Twenty-five years ago the Coos Bay Chamber and the North Bend Chamber merged to become the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, Coos Bay, North Bend & Charleston. On January 22nd the Annual Awards Banquet was held to honor local businesses & citizens with a theme of “**25 years - Let the Good Times Roll.**”

Our Incredibly talented Emcees this year were **Greg Stevens, Publisher of the World Newspaper** along with **Tim Salisbury, CFO at Bay Area Hospital**. They kept the program moving with their own special brand of magic and lighthearted entertainment.

Tim & Greg
Serious or
Scheming?
I want to
know!



Carla Day, of Day's Ship Supply, created a wonderful replica of a Yellow Cab Taxi (in keeping with the theme and our new 2005 Chamber President **Dick Leshley's** business, **Yellow Cab Taxi Co**). Over two hundred guests enjoyed the event in the **Mill Casino-Hotel's** beautifully decorated Salmon Room and delicious dinner and choice of desserts.

Presentation of the colors was provided by **American Legion Post #34**, invocation & benediction by **Reverend Susan Kylo of Faith Lutheran Church**, **Anthony Pescatore** sang “Wonderful World” (ala Louis Armstrong) and **Tony Esperance** sang “Up Where We Belong.”

Fran Worthen and **Steve Greif** presented the **Prefontaine Memorial Committee Athletic Award** to outstanding athlete **Brian Wuethrich**.

Awards were presented by 2005 Chamber President, **Dick Leshley**, Vice President, **Johanna Dillard** and Executive Director, **Shirley Liberante**.

The following awards were based on nominations by Chamber members and criteria set out for each:

Business of the Year award went to **Century 21 Best Realty** and broker **Sam Roth** for exhibiting excellence in products & customer service, contributing time, manpower and resources to community improvement projects, and making significant contributions toward a healthy economy through excellence in employee relations and training.

Chamber Member of the Year award went to **Jennifer Bream, of Brian Bream Screw Machines**, for her involvement serving on the Tourism committee, Leadership Coos steering committee, Chamber board of directors (and never misses a meeting), attendance at SCDC and City Council meetings (to help keep us informed), school volunteering and for the pride she takes in the Chamber and working tirelessly to make it the best it can be.

Positivity Award went to the **Coquille Economic Development Corporation (CEDCO)** for their commitment to the diversity and long-term viability for each of its' business ventures (hospitality, health care, agriculture and telecommunications), always seeking to improve the community and being a core contributor to the areas infrastructure and employment picture.

Volunteer of the Year honors went to **R.C. Hall, of R.C. Hall Photography** for his involvement with the Bay Area and it's businesses. He is active with the Tourism committee and promotion of the area, sending out information and working with the Oregon Film Commission to help them find opportunities here. He was one of the first in the State to get information on the State of Oregon's Brand Oregon website about Coos Bay, North Bend and Charleston, as well as providing all the photographs, for the past two years, for the Chamber website, newsletter and Business Directory.

Citizen of the Year award went to **Wayne Schrunk, of Wayne Schrunk Construction** for making an outstanding contribution to the community by donating time, energy and resources to make a positive difference. He gives young people opportunities by offering them good, decent-paying jobs and by creating family wage jobs, he is active in the North Bend Downtown Association, is a member of the Planning Commission and has created a **whole new, fresh look by investing in real estate, fixing up and refurbishing buildings in the downtown core area of North Bend**, he teaches classes for individuals hoping to start a successful small business and supports many charitable businesses as well as his church, the Celebration Center.



Wayne Schrunk Accepting Citizen of the Year Award

The **Bay Area Chamber of Commerce 4 Star Customer Service award** recipients (nominated by their customers) were:

Checkerberry's, Coos Bay Toyota, Engles Furniture, High Tide Restaurant, Honda World, KCBY-TV, The Mill Casino-Hotel, Oyster Cove Pub & Grill & Umpqua Bank's Coos Bay store.

Recognition was also given to past and present Board members, past and present Leadership Coos participants and the current steering committee, and the Visitor Center Coordinator & volunteers and Chamber staff. Congratulations to all of the award winners, and many thanks to all who helped make the evening a rousing success!!



Yellow Cab by Carla Day



Connie Robbins, Oyster Cove showing off 4 Star Customer Service Award Reverend Susan Kylo looking on



Left to right, Member of the Year, Jenny Bream with Wendy Rudder, Eileen Ophus, & Andrea Wall

UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

W, February 9, **6:30-9:30 pm, \$25 or \$40 for this & Breakeven Analysis Workshop**

Do you know how your business is doing compared to last year? compared to last month? This workshop will provide you with methods to evaluate how your business is progressing financially. Presenter Robert Miller, a Certified Management Accountant and Certified Financial Manager and BDC Advisor, will provide you with easily understood techniques to help you chart the progress of your business. You will learn how to use horizontal, vertical and ratio analysis to chart sales and income progress and the fiscal strength of your business. Bob will provide an overview of financial statements, financial statement evaluation methods, what the income statement and balance sheet indicate about the business, and how to analyze trends. Follow-up advising is available. Call the Southwestern Business Development Center at 756-6778 to register.

BREAKEVEN ANALYSIS WORKSHOP

W, February 16, 6:30-9:30 pm, **\$25 or \$40 for this & Understanding Financial Statements Workshop**

Learn how to utilize breakeven analysis to make a variety of business decisions. This accounting technique can help you to determine answers to such diverse questions as "How much does it cost to open the door each day?" "How much would sales have to increase to justify hiring an additional sales person?" or "What is the practicality of adding a new line of merchandise?" Along with experience in owning his own business, Robert Miller is a Certified Management Accountant, Certified Financial Manager and a BDC Advisor. Follow-up advising is available. Call the Southwestern Business Development Center at 756-6778 to register.

Thank You Tom Scheideman & Weyerhaeuser for the Computer donation to the Coos Bay Visitor Center. Thanks Tom!

Leadership Coos News

"How we are Governed" was the topic for December. Facilitators for the day were Beth Gipson, Barbara Bauder, Jenny Bream & Sandy Qualman.

Speakers for the day were Mayor Rick Wetherell & City Administrator Jan Willis, City of North Bend; Mayor Joe Benetti & City Manager Scott McClure, City of Coos Bay; Ron Kreskey, staff member for Representative Peter DeFazio; State Representative Arnie Roblan; Senator-elect Joanne Verger; Judge Richard Barron; Coos County Sheriff Andy Jackson; Coos County Commissioner John Griffith; a tour of the Coos County Jail was conducted by Deputy Rick Thaxton. Transportation was provided by Laidlaw Transit.

"Education in the Bay Area" was the topic for January. Facilitators for the day were Kit Rainey, Eric Engles & Pam Plummer.

Speakers for the day were Rick Howell, South Coast ESD; Joanne Walker, Kingsview Christian School; Sharon Smith, Home School; Principal Bruce Martin & Marylou Stevens, Hillcrest Elementary School; Bill Berrian, North Bend Middle School; Alane Jennings, Light-house Charter School; Linda Getsy, SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) Program; Caddy McKeown, ASPIRE Program; Alice Carlson, Alternative Youth Activities; Karen Gray, Coos Bay School District #9; Robert Line, Marshfield High School; Linda Vickrey, Destinations Charter School, CE2 Program, Teen Parent Program & IPASS; Gary Hansen, Belloni Boys & Girls Ranch. Tours were conducted by Suzy Callery, North Bend ORCO Technology Lab; Mike Gaudette, Southwestern Oregon Community College Campus; Jan Hodder, Oregon Institute of Marine Biology. Lunch was provided by Premier Services Group; transportation was provided by Laidlaw Transit.



**2005
President
Dick Leshley
with First
Lady Becky
Leshley**

**Volunteer
of the Year
RC Hall with
his talented
better half
Peggy**



Coquille Councilwoman Fran Capehart, Coos County Commissioner Nikki Whitty & Carol Ann Seven, Coos Bay Visitor Center Volunteer

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Did You Know!

- Learn more about Medicare Discount Pharmacy Cards, by Terri Fagan, R. Ph. Director of Consulting Services Thursday, February 10th, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Admission is Free) Please join us for an informal get-together to learn about issues that affect the lives of many seniors. Our speaker will be available for questions after the presentation. A complimentary light lunch will be served. **Evergreen Court at Baycrest Village.** Seating is limited, so please RSVP to Tammy Trost at (541) 751-7658 Evergreen Court – 451 O'Connell Street, North Bend, Oregon
- Congratulations to **Brandon Crompton**, new store manager for **Les Schwab North Bend!**
- **RSVP** is always looking for people willing to volunteer throughout the community. A wide variety of positions are available, some of which are shelving books at the Coos County Library Service District at the college, serving meals at the T.H.E. House, receptionist at the North Bend Fire Department, staffing front desk at the Bay Area Hospital, greeting visitors at the Coos Bay & North Bend Information Centers, assisting with monitoring handicapped parking for the Coos Bay-North Bend Parking Patrol, and more. If you are available to assist with any of these worthwhile projects, please call Melody at 888-7332.
- **There are a lot of things going on in February.**
Coos Art Museum - Juried exhibit of quilts, Art Classes & more!
South Slough Reserve - Bird Watching, Arts & Crafts, Movies, Hiking, Canoe/Kayaking
Live Theater - Performances at Little Theater on the Bay, Waterfront Players Repertory Theater, On Broadway
Charleston - 20th Annual Crab Feed
Coming up in March ---
Hauser Fire Department Spaghetti Feed
17th Annual South Coast Dixieland Clambake Jazz Festival
Dinner & Auction to benefit SMART (Start Making a Reader Today)
28th Annual Dune Musers Mail Run
Great Oregon Spring Beach Cleanup & Whale Watching
Check the Chamber's Community Calendar for details on these events and more!
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