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February Luncheon

Living Your Purpose!

In their presentation, Robert and Blaine will discuss why purpose matters and how to define your own purpose!



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Monthly Luncheon

February 17th, 2022

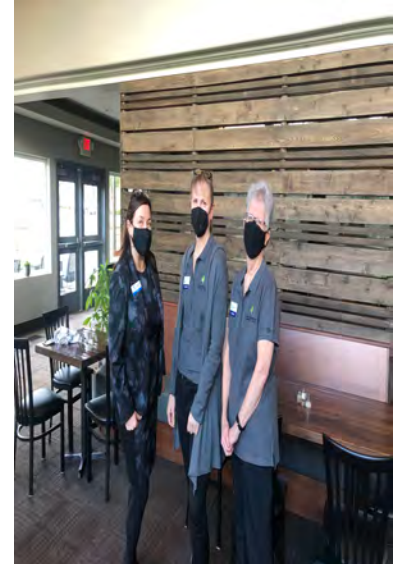
Door Opens 11:30am

Program Begins: 12:00pm

Camas Meadows
4105 NW Camas Meadows Dr.
Camas WA. 98607

\$30 members / \$35 guests.

JANUARY LUNCHEON



Letter From Leadership



Chamber Board Member
Liz Pike

Today we are constantly bombarded by instant messaging punctuated by a 24-hour news cycle. Often, we allow ourselves to be-

come addicted to an electronic device. These things prevent us from experiencing sanctuary, discovering a true sense of self and actually living life. At ART FARM, we take you far away from these distractions, and transport you to an artist oasis at Shangri-La Farm in Fern Prairie.

Most people work in a setting that activates the analytical left side of the brain. At ART FARM, we bring the creative right side of your brain to life! Our rules inside the studio are simple; relax, have fun and learn something. I remind students at the start of each class and that they are the boss of their canvas. And who doesn't love being boss?

Most painters at ART FARM are beginners. They learn a simple, step by step approach to making art in oils on canvas. We begin with a pencil sketch and work our way with paint from the back of the image forward. Techniques include which brushes to use for just the right stroke, how to blend colors and take advantage of the rich textures oil paints offer. Smaller format canvases allow painters to finish a piece in a couple of hours. While very few things in life provide immediate gratification, this activity actually does.

Painters arrive at Shangri-La Farm, traveling past peaceful gardens to hear sounds of music emanating from outdoor speakers. The music continues inside the art studio. Guests are welcomed with our signature country hospitality including complimentary fresh baked farmhouse scones, sea salt chocolate truffles, dried fruits and nuts, coffee, bottled water and an assortment of wine. The \$45 class fee includes all supplies. Each artist work station is equipped with a painter's apron, easel, brushes, and a palette pre-loaded with oil paints.

I love teaching people how to make art. Each month, we paint a new subject, which varies between still life, landscapes and seasonal/floral paintings. ART FARM offers four or more classes each month with the current schedule available online at LizPike.Art. Since many painters return monthly, we recommend booking early by calling or texting (360) 281-8720. You may also book your own paint party and invite all your friends. ART FARM is located at Shangri-La Farm, 26300 NE Third Street, Camas, WA 98607.



Facts Don't Change Our Minds. Friendship Does...

Executive Director Jennifer Senseu

I recently read some excerpts from James Clear's #1 New York Times bestselling book, "Atomic

Habits" Here is a section that I found particularly interesting:

Convincing someone to change their mind is really the process of convincing them to change their tribe. If they abandon their beliefs, they run the risk of losing social ties. You can't expect someone to change their mind if you take away their community too. You have to give them somewhere to go. Nobody wants their worldview torn apart if loneliness is the outcome.

The way to change people's minds is to become friends with them, to integrate them into your tribe, to bring them into your circle. Now, they can change their beliefs without the risk of being abandoned socially.

The British philosopher Alain de Botton suggests that we simply share meals with those who disagree with us:

"Sitting down at a table with a group of strangers has the incomparable and odd benefit of making it a little more difficult to hate them with impunity. Prejudice and ethnic strife feed off abstraction. However, the proximity required by a meal – something about handing dishes around, unfurling napkins at the same moment, even asking a stranger to pass the salt – disrupts our ability to cling to the belief that the outsiders who wear unusual clothes and speak in distinctive accents deserve to be sent home or assaulted. For all the large-scale political solutions which have been proposed to salve ethnic conflict, there are few more effective ways to promote tolerance between suspicious neighbours than to force them to eat supper together."

Perhaps it is not difference, but distance that breeds tribalism and hostility. As proximity increases, so does understanding. I am reminded of Abraham Lincoln's quote, "I don't like that man. I must get to know him better."

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How Can You Maximize Your Membership

A Chamber of Commerce membership is much more than just an "I'm a proud member!" sticker to put on the front door of your business. Member benefits like website listings, invites to chamber events, directory listings and more put you at the forefront of the community when you're a member of the Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce.

A Chamber membership is a two-way street. While you'll receive benefits like the ones just mentioned with your annual membership —there is certainly a way to get more bang for your buck no matter what investment level you come in at. Let us highlight a few ways to get the most out of your membership.

1.) Attend Chamber Events

While it seems like a pretty obvious membership benefit, it is often overlooked by many. While we understand that you won't be able to attend EVERYTHING with the dozens of networking events, dinners, and lunches we hold throughout the year, it doesn't hurt to show up to an event once or twice if your schedule allows. This is a great way to get your name out there and to meet other business professionals in our community. Chamber events aren't open to business owners or management only - staffers, please come!

2.) Interact with us on Social Media

Tag us in your posts! We're active on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram. Chances are if you tag us in a photo or post, we will give you some social media love back. That means more interaction for your profile, and for the Chamber. Win-win!

3.) Update Your Chamber Mini Webpage

With your Chamber membership comes exclusive access to a mini-website hosted on our Website. The CW Chamber has a website where you will find your business listing: www.cwchamber.com. Your listing is more of a mini-web page where you can add photos, descriptions, links to your website and more. To access and make changes to your listing, go to <https://secure2.chambermaster.com/login> and enter the username and password provided when you join the chamber. If you need to reset your password, give us a call!

4.) Submit Your News

When you have some newsworthy information to share, send it our way! We're always looking to brag about the amazing things our members are doing. Whether your business recently completed a remodeling project, your staff headed out into the community for a volunteer day, or if your business is hosting an event, — we want to know about it so we can post on our social media pages, and send member news out in our email newsletters and Chamber Chats.

5.) Reach Out

Is there an area of your business that could really use some help? Maybe you're looking for some creative marketing ideas or want to form partnerships with other business professionals in town. Whatever it may be, always be sure to reach out to us here at the Chamber to see if we can help make some connections. If we don't have immediate answers, just give us some time to think on things and point you in the right direction.

If there are any membership benefits that you have questions about or think that you might be under-utilizing, give us a call or stop by! We want to make sure that you're getting the most out of your investment. Utilizing your membership benefits makes your business, our organization, and our community stronger.



Welcome new member, Carol Buck. Retired Camas Law Enforcement.

Camas First Friday
Art, Activities, Dining, and After Hours Shopping

February's theme will be

"A Chocolate Affair to Remember"
First Friday, February 4th 5-8 pm

- Downtown businesses will be serving and selling chocolate delights and other romantic gifts with wine at select locations as well!
- Guess the candy jar amounts in each location and be entered to win!
- Take a picture with "Nick & Tami" (Happy 4th Anniversary!) & enter to win a romance basket!
- Art Shows, Shopping & Dining Specials!
- Kids' Valentine crafts & games

First Fridays brought to you by the DCA in downtown Camas. Start your night at the DCA today at www.downtowncamas.com

- **Attic Gallery** Will be featuring Cedar Lee, a solo show complementary wine and chocolate served from 5-8pm
- **Camas Gallery First Friday** Reception Complementary wine served 5-8pm
- **Second Story Gallery** Featuring Pivot Project

Check out whats playing



CamasLiberty.com

US ARMED SERVICES

MILITARY INFORMATION NIGHT

Open to all Camas and Washougal students/families

FEB. 9TH, 2022
5PM TO 8PM
CAMAS HIGH SCHOOL
NORTH COMMONS
MASKING REQUIRED FOR EVENT

All branches represented - Army & Air National Guard and ASVAB/MEPS

Golf Sponsorship Opportunities Are Still Available!



- Title Sponsor
 - Tournament Prize Sponsor
 - Golf Ball Sponsor
 - Lunch Sponsor
 - Putting Contest Sponsor
 - Golf Cart Sponsor
 - Beverage Cart Sponsor
 - Staffed Hole Sponsor
 - Hole Sponsor
- (download info @ cwchamber.com)

The 46th Annual Camas Days Is July 22nd and 23rd



We are now signing up sponsors for the 46th annual Camas Days Event!

Visit
CWChamber.com
for more info.



There Are Still Two Luncheon Sponsorship Spots Available

Benefits To Sponsoring A Chamber Luncheon

- Your business logo will be featured on the front page of our newsletter.
- A business summary will be featured on the front page of our newsletter, our website and our facebook page.
- Your business name and logo will be featured in press releasing advertising the luncheon.
- You will receive time to say a few things about your business at the beginning of the luncheon.
- Your logo will be featured in the photo gallery of the preceding months newsletter
- You can provide a raffle item for the business card drawing at your sponsored luncheon.

For more information on how to sponsor an upcoming luncheon please contact Jennifer or Sami at info@cwchamber.com or call the CWCC at 360.834.2472



Thank You To Our Renewing Members...

4 Ever Growing Kids	Interfaith Treasure House
A Beer at a Time	IQ Community Credit Union
A Your Town Chimney	J. Stout Auctions
Aflac	Kiwanis Camp WA-RI-KI
Attic Gallery	Lacamas Medical Group
Belz Oak Park Self Storage	Leak Seal Roofing
Birch St. Lounge	Legacy Health
Black Pearl	Lennar Corporation
Bloodworks NW	Lily Atelier
Boeing Community Credit Union	Main St. Village Apts./Invest West
Browns Funeral Home	Mary Mabry
Caffe Piccolo	Nan Henrickson
Camas Educational Foundation	Noctel Communications
Camas Gallery	One Stop Home Furnishings Pathways
Candlewood Suites	Pregnancy Clinic
Camas Hotel	Pamela McAnnally-Realty One Group
Children's Home Society	Posner Law
City of Camas	Port of Camas-Washougal Proactive
City of Washougal	Network
Columbia Gorge Refuge Stewards	Pacific Mortgage Planning
Columbia Ridge Assisted Living	Reed Creative
Columbia River Realty Columbia Rock	Riverview Community Credit Union
Products	Runyans Jewelers
Clark County Title	Salud Wine Bar and Event Center
Coventry Gardens	Sauer Holdings
Coast to Coast	Senescu and Babich, PLLC
CSB Craig Stein Beverage	Shangri La Aviation
C-Tran	Sip and Paint Art Farm Soroptimists
CW Community Chest	International Camas-Washougal
Dairy Queen	Straubs Funeral Home
Evergreen Habitat For Humanity	Steve Zimmerman
Evergreen Tennis	St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Excavator Rental Service	Two Rivers Heritage Museum
Fort Vancouver Regional Library Fuel	The Vern McCray Law Firm
Medical	Washougal MX Park
Guild Mortgage Company	Washougal Waste Connections WDC
Harmony Dental	Properties
Heavens Best Carpet Cleaning Holiday	Windermere Crest Realty Co.
Inn Express Suites	Woodburn Plumbing
	Vibrant USA

We Appreciate You!

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It's Time To Nominate Business Person and Citizen of the Year

Do you know an outstanding Business Person or Citizen? Please take a moment and Nominate them.

Citizen of the Year

Criteria for this prestigious award includes the following:

1. Resident of 98607 or 98671 zip code areas
2. Performs volunteerservice in the community
3. Has made an overall positive impact on the community
4. Nominee may be of any age

[Click Here To Nominate](#)

2022 Camas-Washougal Scholarship Award

All high school seniors graduating from CHS or WHS in 2022 and are planning to attend a 2 or 4 year college or university are eligible for this \$1000 scholarship.

Criteria is as follows:

1. Applicants must be planning to work towards a degree
2. Your cumulative GPA must be 3.0 or better
3. You must be accepted to a college or university before the funds are disbursed.
4. You must maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school throughout the remainder of the 2022 school year
5. Eligibility is not affected by other grants or financial assistance
6. Your Application must be received by the Chamber no later than Monday April 11th 2022

[Click Here To Apply](#)

Business Person of the Year

Criteria for this prestigious award includes the following:

1. Nominee must be the owner, manager or CEO of a Business operating within the 98607 or 98671 zip code areas.
2. The business must exhibit a positive influence on the Camas-Washougal business climate. Length of time in the community is also important.
3. Promotes community strength through any of the following:
 - Image
 - Activities
 - Growth
 - Reputation
 - Promotions
 - Participation in the business organizations
4. The actual appearance of the business shall be a credit to our community which is demonstrated by:
 - General appearance and upkeep
 - Expansions or remodels

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