

CHAMBER NEWS

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Monthly Luncheon

September 14, 2022 Door Open 11:30am Program Begins: 12:00pm

Location: The Hickory at Camas Meadows

\$30 members / \$40 guests.

C-W Chamber Luncheons Return in September

After a 3 month hiatus, the C-W Chamber will resume monthly luncheons. The first one will be Wednesday September 14th. Doors will open at 11:30am. At The Hickory at Camas Meadows. After September, the luncheons will return to the third Thursday of each month until the end of the year.

Our September lunch speaker is Vickei Hrdina from Career Connect South-West. Vickei began her career as an archaeologist and worked for more than a decade as an education program manager with the Field Museum in Chicago, translating field research directly into classroom instruction and coaching teachers on using authentic science and engineering practices with students. Vickei went on to develop a statewide integrated STEM curriculum based in archaeology and cultural anthropology with the University of Nevada Las Vegas and 19 Native American tribal organizations



before continuing on to complete her teaching credentials, and eventually teach middle school STEM in Chicago and Northwest Indiana. She holds a B.A. and an M.A. in Educational Anthropology, and teaching endorsements in elementary, middle level science and CTE. In 2014, Vickei joined ESD112 as Regional Science Coordinator, took on the STEM Director position in 2017 and has helped to grow the STEM program in that region ever since. Vickei has recently presented at Infant and Early Childhood Conference and NSTA.

Lunch Sponsor: Art Scevola from Comprehensive Life Settlement Solutions, LLC



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To reserve your seat at the Sept. 14th Luncheon please email info@cwchamber.com or call 360.834.2472



AUGUST MID-WEEK MIXER























LETTERS FROM LEADERSHIP



Change is in the Air, Yet Again

President Lori Reed, Reed Creative

It amazes me how this last year has flown by in my role as current President for the Camas Washougal Chamber of Commerce! As I shift into the role of Past President, and make room for our incoming leadership team, I've been able to reflect on my time here.

Overall, it has been a positive experience for me to serve our community along side a group of other dedicated individuals that make up our Board of Directors, Liaisons and Staff. I am proud of how a group of individuals from diverse backgrounds were able to successfully work together to accomplish many initiatives this year.

We kicked off the season by conducting a first ever member survey. From this we learned what members thought our organization could do differently and/or better in our plans for continued recovery as we emerged from the pandemic. The results inspired ideas as big as new networking events to as small as including cookies at our luncheons. Board members contributed their valuable time and talent to help bring ideas to life. Monthly board meetings, initially via Zoom eventually returned to in-person, provided an opportunity for us to come together to review organizational business, approve our finances, assign tasks for future action and make informed decisions on how to proceed for the good of the Chapter. We welcomed the return of many pandemic-paused events such as monthly Chamber luncheons, ribboncuttings, the annual awards banquet and the eagerly anticipated Camas Days! Our newest event, Midweek Mixers, was added to provide

more casual networking and offer opportunities for businesses to host an event at their location or sponsor a basket to raffle off with proceeds benefiting our annual high school scholarship fund. Additionally, each director donated their energy to serve on a committee with a specific focus based on their own preference—from branding to event planning, reviewing scholarship applications to even hiring staff.

I was able to personally serve on the branding committee where I contributed to the process of updating the Chamber logo and help oversee its roll out across a suite of marketing materials produced by the chapter. I was also able to review the work of the local web team responsible for updating our antiquated website and provide user experience input. Since websites are always evolving, there is still more work to be done here and we look forward to being able to

on-line payment for events and expanding the things to do in our communities section.

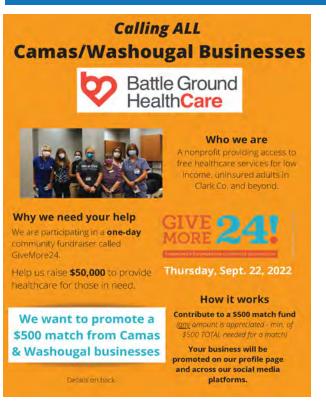
As Past President, I will be stepping into the background a bit more, but look forward to being available to help guide and support the incoming board to continue to move the needle

of progress and improve the overall experience for members and potential members of the Camas Washougal Chamber of Commerce. Curious about how you can get involved?

Just speak to any of the board members or staff at the next event or pop into the Chamber office to learn what opportunities are available. I look forward to staying connected!









Camas Gallery:

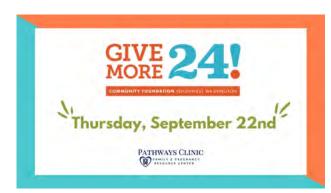
Featured Artist: Local artist, Randy Cole Complimentary beer and wine served from 5pm-8pm.

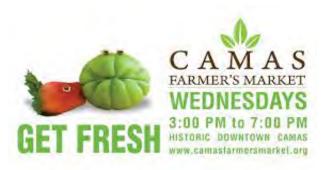
Attic Gallery:

Featured Artist: Jean Schwalbe Complimentary wine and chocolate served from 5-8pm.

Second Story Gallery:

Tiny Art. A showcase of 2"x2' canvases painted by different artists.











EVENTS







September 26th and 27th Journey Church 304 NE 4th AVE Camas WA 98607



Coming Soon!

Grand Opening for the
Washougal location of Trap
Door Brewing
October 1st 2022



Click HERE For Showtimes



MID-WEEK MIXER SEPTEMBER 13

Networking Event:

Join the C-W Chamber for our mid-week mixer. Every second Wednesday of the month a different C-W Chamber Member will host a networking event from 4pm-6pm.

Thank you to this month's Mid-Week Mixer Host:



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