The Chamber Voice

Message From Verlynn

I think spring is finally here! I enjoyed getting ideas from the CWHBA Home and Garden Show and getting a chance to visit with members. Go enjoy the sunshine, flowers, and the outdoors! We have so much in our backyard. Trails to hike, vineyards to stroll in and mountains to climb. We hope you got a chance to visit one of the 30 restaurants that participated in Yakima Valley Restaurant Week. Spring Barrel is right about the corner, go visit Freehand Cellars or Treveri and take in the views. I can almost taste the fresh peaches sold at the Farmers Market. If you want more ideas of things to do visit our website and community calendar.

Verlynn Best
President/ CEO

Save The Date:

April 4th @ 8 AM - Marshalls Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting
April 6th - All Day - Viera's Bakery 1 Year Anniversary
April 10th - Member & Community Luncheon
May 3rd - Kroner Chiropractic Grand Reopening
   New location - 4114 W. Nob Hill
May 8th - Member & Community Luncheon
May 21st - Heritage Bank Business After Hours

Networking Yakima Valley
@ Bale Breaker Brewing

Verlynn Best and Joshua Jackson enjoying lunch at Provisions with Chef Lindsay during Yakima Valley Restaurant Week
Tami Cain  
Central Pre-Mix  

Relationship with Yakima Chamber:  
Central Pre-Mix Concrete Company has been a chamber member for over 50 years. I have been a part of Central Pre-Mix for 22 years. I am a fairly new Board Member, this is my 3rd year, and I currently hold the position of 2nd Vice Chair.

Other Boards or activities I am part of:  
I am a member of Footprinter’s International and am active with Association of General Contractors as a representative of CPM.

Why did I join/stay with the Yakima Chamber of Commerce:  
I feel it is important to give back to our community and help keep our city and county thriving. The Chamber gives me the opportunity to network with other businesses in the valley and help support efforts to promote and strengthen business growth. Central Pre-Mix relies on the growth and development of our communities and wants to be a relevant and active partner in helping encourage that growth. The Chamber gives us an avenue to do just that. Not to mention the events and networking opportunities are great fun!

March Membership & Community Luncheon  
Port District - Should We or Shouldn't We  
Yakima Valley Museum  
Thank you to our guest speakers:  
Gary Ballew - Port of Pasco  
Jeff Bishop - Port of Moses Lake  
Jonathan Smith - YCDA  
Rob Peterson - Yakima Airport  
Pam Cleaver - Moss Adams

Welcome,  
New Members!  
Freehand Cellars  
420 Windy Point Drive  
Wapato, WA 98951  
509-866-4664  
Home 2 Suites by Hilton  
2420 W. Nob Hill Blvd.  
Yakima, WA 98902  
509-571-1193  
Kwik Lok Corp.  
2712 S. 16th Ave.  
Yakima, WA 98903  
509-248-4770  
Oak Hallow Custom Framing & Gallery  
5631 Summitview Ave.  
Yakima, WA 98908  
509-965-9256  
Raul Castillo Insurance Agency LLC  
4700 Tieton Dr. STE A  
Yakima, WA 98908  
509-966-7739  
Wadsworth Label Inc.  
5403 Channel Dr.  
Yakima, WA 98901  
509-724-0133  
Wells Fargo Home Mortgage  
200 S. 72nd Ave.  
Yakima, WA 98908  
509-972-7686

MEMBERS FOR OVER 100 YEARS:  
Pacific Power

MEMBERS FOR 90-99 YEARS :  
Del Monte Foods  
Roche Fruit Company

80 - 89 YEAR MEMBERS  
State Fair Park, Central Washington  
State Fair, & Yakima Valley SunDome
Campaign University

“In a democracy, the highest office is the office of citizen.” (Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter) The Yakima Chamber of Commerce embraced this concept, and wanted to ensure that each citizen is equipped with the knowledge needed to be effective in carrying out his or her role. So, we created Campaign University, for current/future candidates, current/future support personnel for candidates and for citizens who want to be better informed of the election process.

Campaign University covers seven separate sessions/topics. They include:
- How to get started – filing for office
- Campaigning Boot Camp
- Communication
- Roberts Rules of Order
- Campaign Regulation & Finance
- Canvassing a District
- Economics, Know Your Community

Some comments we have received from participants about the sessions are:

"Campaign University covered many different components of a campaign that I never considered. The sessions were well attended and packed with lots of great info."
Kyle Curtis

"Campaign University is a must, for those planning to run for office. The workshops provide useful information on filing to run, marketing and presenting your campaign message. Highly recommended."
Linda DiLembo

A political campaign, and democracy, is an intense experience and does not happen without effort and planning. The journey should be fun as well as rewarding. To candidates, campaign workers and everyone else – the Chamber commends you for stepping forward and offering your time/energy to the Yakima and surrounding communities. You are not only supporting our communities – you are also contributing to our democratic process. Thank you!

Bob Gerst - Board Chair
Make an impact

By contributing to local Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals campaigns, we are ensuring a healthier future for our community. Since 1993, Virginia Mason Memorial has been an active member of CMN Hospitals, a nationwide grassroots effort to raise awareness for children treated by their local CMN hospital. Virginia Mason Memorial is one of only three CMN Hospitals in the state, the other two being Seattle Children’s and Sacred Heart Children’s Hospital in Spokane.

In partnership with Virginia Mason Memorial, The Memorial Foundation exists to empower community members in stewarding the development and sustainment of health care options in Yakima. By assessing our community’s needs, The Memorial Foundation focuses on encouraging donor support toward four areas to improve the overall health of our community: Cancer Care, Children’s Health, Compass Care, and Healthy Yakima.

As the largest nonprofit community hospital in our region, Virginia Mason Memorial is the only comprehensive service provider for children in Central Washington and has long served the needs of our smallest of patients. The hospital’s doors opened on June 20, 1950. The first baby was born there the next day. Memorial’s pediatric services include a regional-serving Level-III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Central Washington’s only pediatrics unit, and Children’s Village.

No doubt you’ve seen the paper balloons covering the walls of businesses around town. The Memorial Foundation has coordinated the efforts of many local businesses that step up each year to raise money for children here in Central Washington. Fundraising efforts continue throughout the year — each one impacting local kids like Francisco.

This year, we are committed to raise $780,000 to fund specialized medical care and therapy services at Children’s Village for children with physical, developmental, or behavioral delays and impairments. We will also raise more than $270,000 to fund other children’s initiatives in Memorial’s pediatric, maternal health services, and neonatal intensive care units.

Children and their families across Central Washington are in need. As you read this, a child is being born who needs services now or might need them in the future. With the support of our community and the local and national partners that raise funds and awareness through CMN Hospitals, you have the opportunity to make a direct impact on more than 13,000 children here in the Yakima Valley.

—Erin Black is chief executive officer of The Memorial Foundation, an independent nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that is the philanthropic partner of Virginia Mason Memorial hospital.
**Rod's House** is excited to share the tremendous positive impact the community is making on our community’s young people. In 2018, 380 unique young people visited Rod’s House. While that sometimes feels like an overwhelming number of young people in need, we are glad to be a resource. Incredible young people are surviving; they are attending and graduating from high school or earning their GED; they are accessing individualized support to develop plans to reach their goals; they’re enrolling in Yakima Valley College, Perry Technical Institute, and other post-secondary schools to earn certificates and degrees; they’re joining the workforce, finding secure housing, and reaching their full potential in our Valley. We are seeing young people giving back of their time more than ever, volunteering at the House and other organizations in the community.

There are amazing things happening the rest of the year including celebrating ten years since Rod's House opened; Yakima Rotary building a classroom behind the resource center; recruiting host homes to match young people who need a safe place to stay with a safe, supportive environment; designing a permanent shelter and identifying a location; releasing new, exciting branding that better matches our organizational character; and participating in the Anchor Community Initiative to END youth homelessness in the Yakima Valley. This year Rod's House is hosting a few celebratory events including the launch of our new logo and branding, classroom opening, and a ten-year celebration at our annual gala on October 11th. To learn more or to get involved, call us at 509-895-2665 or e-mail office@rodshouse.org.

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Our Membership Directory deadline for advertising is fast approaching!

We are excited that the Greater Yakima Chamber Directory will be published in May this year and will be continually distributed throughout the next 12-months to Chamber stakeholders, local businesses, visitor centers, hotels and included in all relocation packages! We have also added a direct mail benefit to target Yakima Valley households and members to maximize your investment. Plus a flip-book of the directory will be available on the Chamber website, which is visited by thousands of unique visitors each month!

**Deadline:**
**April 15th!**

To discuss placing your Ad, or if you have questions or need assistance, feel free to contact Trena at 509.248.2021 ext. 107 or email: trena@yakima.org.
Chamber Members who renewed their Memberships.
Please support these businesses that support your Chamber!

Members for 50 - 59 Years:

- SPD & G Advertising
- Dunbar Jewelers
- Yakima Theatres
- Smith Law Firm
- US Bank
- KNDT TV

Members for 40 - 49 Years:

- Stephens Metal Products, Inc.

Members for 30 - 39 Years:

- Nob Hill Water Association
- Cowiche Growers, Inc.
- Valley Mall Merchants
- Washington State Department of Transportation
- Cascade Eye Center
- Fidelity Title Company
- Green Baron, Inc.
- John L. Scott Real Estate
- Terrace Heights Development, LLC
- The Capitol Theatre
- Corday & Sharon Trick
- Elwood Staffing
- Golden Wheel Restaurant
- United Business Machines of Washington
- KDA Architecture
- Bernd Moving Systems
- The Dolsen Companies
- Pro-Build Yakima
- Therapeutic Associates - Yakima Physical Therapy
- YCCS - A National Collection System

Members for 20 - 29 Years:

- Office Depot #937
- Pacific CA Services, Inc.
- Olive Garden Italian Restaurant
- Central Washington Family Medicine Clinic
- Design Service Corporation
- Yakima Area Arboretum
- Yakima Training Center

Members for 15 - 19 Years:

- Airporter Shuttle
- Amtech Corporation, L.L.C.
- C&H True Value Hardware
- Dispute Resolution Center of Yakima & Kittitas County
- Owens Harley-Davidson
- Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Washington
- Merit Resource Services
- Rosauers Supermarkets, Inc.
- Northwest Harvest
- Pro-Motion Physical Therapy YASC Holdings, LLC.
- Advanced Digital Imaging
- Camp Prime Time
- Cole Industrial, Inc.
- Doug Lemon Rentals
- JV Accounting
- R.E. Powell Distributing
- State Farm Insurance - Linda Roth
- Systems West LLC
- The Print Guys Inc.
- URM Cash & Carry
- Vision Craft, Inc.
Members for 10 - 14 Years:

Graf Investments, INC.  
Granite Construction Inc.  
Umpqua Bank  
Community Health of Central Washington  
Hilton Garden Inn Yakima  
Hop Extract Corp. of America  
Wheatland Bank  
WRP Gateway, LLC  
Yakima Secure Self Storage  
Alliant Communications, Inc.  
Manhasset Specialty Company

Members for 5 - 10 Years:

Assurance Healthcare and Counseling Center  
Law Office of Sonia Rodriguez True  
Yakima Valley Pippins  
Cowiche Canyon Conservancy  
Running Springs Ranch  
Robinson Drilling & Development, Inc.  
Yakima Symphony Orchestra  
Yakima Valley Conference of Governments  
Kronos Micronutrients, L.P.  
Community Living  
Joel’s Tire  
Central Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Members for 1 - 4 Years:

BBSI  
Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve ESGR  
Hoptown Pizza  
Synoptical Freelancing  
Wendy’s  
Charter College  
Silverwood Theme Park - Boulder Beach  
Water Park  
SOZO Sports of Central Washington  
Absolute Comfort Technology  
Friendly Automotive  
The Cleaning Brothers, LLC  
Denny’s  
Ponderosa Assisted Living Community  
K&L Plumbing Services LLC  
Sweet Relief Cannabis Express  
Gravis Law PLLC  
Keller Williams Yakima Valley

Mission Statement

"The Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce is an organization that promotes pride in our diverse communities through positive, active leadership aimed at creating a cohesive, successful business climate in our County."
Yakima Energy Fair
Wednesday, June 26, 2019
7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Yakima Convention Center
10 N 8th Street
Yakima, WA 98901

Please plan to join us for a hearty breakfast and an engaging morning discussion exclusively for Pacific Power business customers.

You will learn about:

- Energy-efficient technologies and cash incentives to help your business save time, energy and money!
- Innovations and system enhancements underway by Pacific Power.
- Renewable energy and electric vehicle programs.
- Customer service enhancements to provide more insights into your account.

You’ll also have the opportunity to register for a free energy assessment and we’ll be hosting an electric vehicle demonstration in the parking lot after the event.

Visit pacificpower.net/seminar to register.