

THE CHAMBER VOICE



**Greater Yakima Chamber of
Commerce**

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Yakima, WA. 98901
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January - February



Ken Marble, Verlynn Best, Chris Corey, Linda DiLembo
AWB Legislative Day - Hill Climb



CHAMBER NEWS

After research and feedback, we are replacing the Action Report with an online newsletter. Members will be notified by email when the newsletter is posted on the website. Help us name it! We will have our membership vote on the top three names.

Email us your ideas at:
amy@yakima.org or verlynn@yakima.org



February Member & Community Luncheon

Save The Date:

Wednesday, March 13th
Member & Community Luncheon
A Port District for Yakima?

Tuesday, March 19th
Small Business
Business After Hours
at The Chamber

MEMBERS FOR 90-99 YEARS
SUNDQUIST FRUIT &
COLD STORAGE
H.R. SPINNER CORPORATION

80 - 89 YEAR MEMBERS
M.G WAGNER COMPANY
HALVERSON NORTHWEST
LAW GROUP

VIRGINIA MASON MEMORIAL LOWER VALLEY
SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON RIBBON
CUTTING AND OPEN HOUSE

New Virginia Mason Memorial Lower Valley Specialty Center serves patients closer to home

At Virginia Mason Memorial, we're always thinking about how we can better serve our patients, and therefore our community. And who do we take our cues from? The patients themselves, of course!

Between 14 and 17 percent of our patients who receive specialty services from Virginia Mason Memorial have been traveling from the Lower Valley to Yakima to receive that care, sometimes more than once each week. That's why we decided to come to them by opening the Lower Valley Specialty Center in Sunnyside. The center opened quietly in December, with a grand opening in January as a Yakima Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours.

Patients in need of high-quality specialty care can now receive treatment close to home by providers who will travel to treat them - providers they already know and trust. The staff has been chosen to support our Latino community. Bilingual speakers are ready to help all patients who come through our doors in Sunnyside. Specialty services are provided Monday through Friday, and include cardiovascular, orthopedics, infusion care, oncology/hematology, vascular, pulmonology, urology, pain, wound care, sleep, lab services and X-ray.



Virginia Mason Memorial's roots run deep in the Yakima Valley, as both a trusted healthcare provider and, as a leading nonprofit employer in the county, a prominent economic engine. Our vision is that patients receive the same high-quality, coordinated care wherever they are seen through our system.

Our mission is to achieve health with you in new ways. And has been that way since Virginia Mason Memorial opened its doors in 1950. We remain committed to our community throughout the Valley, from our specialty clinic in Ellensburg and now to the new Lower Valley Specialty Center in Sunnyside.

Virginia Mason Memorial, along with our partner Virginia Mason Medical Center, is delighted to bring quality specialty care to residents of the Lower Valley. Our board-certified specialists are now providing patients with high-caliber care close to where they live.

Russ Myers, CEO
Virginia Mason Memorial

Board Profile

Bob Gerst
John I Haas



Relationship with Yakima Chamber: Haas has been a member of the Yakima Chamber for 43 years, and I have been a member of the Board for almost 4 years and I am in my first year as Chairman of the Board.

Other Boards or activities I am part of:
Secretary and Board member of Capitol Theatre, Downtown Rotary Board Member, Heritage University Board member, Certified IPEC Executive Coaching program.

Why did I join/stay with the Yakima Chamber of Commerce: I believe my membership investment in the Yakima Chamber has helped me build my network, has kept me current on business events, has helped us promote our business growth in the Yakima area, has provided me with business resources, has provided opportunities for my/Haas point of view to be heard on local/county/state issues, has helped me grow through the monthly luncheons and education programs and brings credibility to my company. I also want to be seen as being accountable as a business person within our community - as Haas wants to be a good business partner in Yakima. The Chamber is a great way I/ Haas can give back to the community. Oh - and I forgot one more thing about the Chamber, the events are fun! I think if you try one of the Yakima Chamber's activities - you will come back for more.

Welcome, New Members!

Baymont Inn & Suites
1603 E. Yakima Ave.
Yakima, WA, 98901
509-457-4444

Five Guys Burgers and Fries
1901 S. 1st ST.
Yakima, WA, 98901
509-469-4958

Fusion Real Estate Services, LLC
1001 W Yakima Ave, #212
Yakima, WA, 98902
509-966-4021

Hummel Agency - Farmers Insurance
5603 Summitview Ave. STE 104
Yakima, WA, 98908
509-823-1410

Tonilynn Savage Attorney at Law, PLLC
1506 Summitview Ave.
Yakima, WA, 98902
509-821-9300



My Place Ribbon Cutting & Open House
21 S. 18th Street, Yakima WA 98901



Hummel Agency
5603 Summitview Ave #104, Yakima WA 98908

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Annual 4th of July Celebration is a go, thanks to Yakima Federal and Tire Centers of Yakima

Two Central Washington businesses have stepped up to help fund the annual 4th of July day-long community celebration at State Fair Park, keeping the longtime event up and running for this year.

Yakima Federal Savings and Loan and Tire Centers of Yakima will now be the title sponsors of the celebration, which includes a giant fireworks display, a music festival, a carnival, a kids play area and over a dozen food vendors.

For more information contact:
Paul Crawford @248-2634

Chukar Cherries Wins Gourmet Food of the Year at Las Vegas Market

The Las Vegas Market named Chukar Cherries Original Assortment best in category for Gourmet Food Gift. The largest home and design show on the West Coast, the Las Vegas Winter Market boasts more than 4000 exhibitors.

All of Chukar's cherries are Northwest grown and manufactured at Chukar's headquarters in Prosser, WA - the heart of Washington cherry country.



Army Recruiting Station Ribbon Cutting
1203 N. 40th Ave., Yakima WA

Executive Board

Chair: Bob Gerst, John I Haas

Immediate Past Chair: Rich Austin,
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Carlson Boyd & Bailey PLLC

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President/CEO: Verlynn Best

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Haddia Nazer, Central Washington

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Dulce Gutierrez, City of Yakima

Renewing Members

Please Support these businesses
that support your Chamber!

Members for 70-79 Years

Central Chain & Transmission
Yakima School District, No. 7

Members for 60-69 Years

Cascade Natural Gas Corp.
McKinney Glass

Members for 50-59 Years

Isaak's Home Furnishings
Central Mechanical Services
Central Pre-Mix
Cintas Corporation
Fruit Packers Supply, Inc.
Shaw & Sons Funeral Directors
HUB International

Members for 40-49 Years

Yakima Valley College
Langevin El Paraiso Funeral Home
United Way of Central Washington
Yakima Waste Systems
PLSA Engineering & Surveying

Members for 30-39 Years

Cowiche Growers, Inc.
T & M Heating of Washington, Inc.
Wilbert Precast, Inc.
Engravings Unlimited, Inc.
McDonald's of Yakima County
Tri - Ply Construction, LLC
Vintiques of Yakima Car Club
OIC of Washington
Yakima Valley Museum

Members for 20-29 Years

Orchard-Rite, Ltd.
Yakima Water Mill, Inc.
Pacific Alliance Title, LLC
AlSCO
Triumph Treatment Services
Thomas Upton Surveying
West Valley School District #208
Bustos Media, LLC
Ken Leingant Excavating, Inc.
Edward Jones - Gailon Gentry

Entrust Building Dedication In Memory of
Jared Yoakum, January 29, 2019



Pictured: Justine & Olivia Yoakum
We want to thank Jared for making the
Yakima Valley a better place in the short time he
was here.

Members for 20-29 Years

Homestreet Bank
Wellness House
Members for 15-19 Years
Valley Dermatology Associates
Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic
AB Transmission, LLC
Stoneway Electric Supply
Valley Ford Nissan
Meredith Furniture
Bruner Painting
Glenmoor Green Apartments
AAA Washington
Akland Pump & Irrigation Co., Inc.
Abbott's Printing, Inc.
Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott

Members for 10-14 Years

Hyatt Management Corp.
Ledgestone Hotel
Spectrum Business
Stokes Lawrence
Ummelina Yakima Valley Spa Retreat
Washington Fruit Place & Gift Shop
Delaney's Lost Sock Laundromat
Pacific Northwest University
of Health Sciences
Farwest Fabricators, Inc.
Storage Court

Members for 10 -14 Years

D2 Communications
Kana Winery
Members for 5- 9 Years
Bear Event Services
JC Penney
Larsen Gallery Guild
Yakima Humane Society
Bale Breaker Brewing Company
Staci's Catering
Washington Broadband, Inc.
Human Resources & Management
Solutions
Auto Art & Collision Repair
Cornerstone Home Lending
Don's Donuts & Julie's Java
Magic Metal's, Inc.
Inland Pipe & Supply
AAU Sports- AMateur Athletic Union
M. Seigny Construction, Inc.
Tieton Capital Management
Treveri Cellars
Baird
First Fruits Marketing of Washington
Invisible Ink
Crescent Healthcare, Inc.

Members for 1 - 4 Years

Fieldstone Orchard West
Habitat for Humanity, Yakima Valley
Partners
Hogback Development Company
Moore Family Dental
M & R Electric Inc.
Nourish Wellness
Paint Smith Company
Salon BeYOUtiful
Wags to Riches Animal Rescue
Blue Dog Business Services
Digital Design Development
Darigold
Hayden Homes
Central Washington RV
WSU Spokane, College of
Pharmacy Yakima
McCormick Air Center
Community Resource Group
Gray & Osborne Inc.
Hyperbaric Centers of Washington
Northwest Work Options, Inc.
Sister Rebecca Berghoff Foundation
Tieton Cider Works
Westside Pizza
City of Union Gap
Abeyta - Nelson, P.C.
FutureLink Technologies
Inklings Bookshop
Paragon Films

Chamber Staff

Verlynn Best, President & CEO
Amy Lopez, Director of Operations & Marketing
Trena Cloyd, Director of Member Services
Lupita Carrillo, Information & Event Coordinator
Daniella Barajas, Administrative Assistant



Evening Coffee Club at Hop Nation



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."

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CATERING
509.480.2084

Place your ad here.
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