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Greetings!

I hope everyone has enjoyed the sensational weather we have experienced all summer in our valley. We are very blessed to have the sensational weather we have this summer. We are very blessed to be able to count on sun filled days month after month. Make sure to enjoy the last few weeks of it before fall starts setting in. Get out and enjoy the summer activities while you still can.

My favorite summer community activity this year is going to the Farmers Market on Sundays. It’s very pleasant to drive into downtown and see all the aesthetic improvements which have been made in the last few years. I don’t think the family has caught on yet. We are very blessed to have the Farmers Market which has grown so much that there are many vendors now lining the street just south of the event. What a great mix of people to purchase! Everything from ethnic foods which are already prepared and ready to be devoured to hand carved furniture to organic vegetables and fruits from all over the valley – and all at very competitive prices! There is jewelry and art work to purchase and to top it off, there is usually live music playing outside the theater. It feels more like a festival than a market place! Little kids are running around and people are sitting off to the sides eating, visiting and just having a good time. It is a very enjoyable experience every weekend and my entire family looks forward to it. My hat goes off to the people behind the scenes who make it happen.

That leads me into my next topic which is to challenge people to get involved in our community. If you know me or have read anything I have written, you will notice this is a recurring theme. Every little bit of involvement helps. The Farmers market was someone’s vision at some time and is now a reality that is making our community a better place. The improvements downtown have been from visions and countless hours of volunteered service from several community members. It is easy to stand back and say taxes should pay for this and that, or that some idea is too far fetched. Yet, I have witnessed these visions come true. If you want to make sure the politicians are hearing your voice on issues, then come to our government affairs committee meetings and speak to the politicians themselves. We have teleconferences with them and they, also, come to several events which the Chamber sponsors throughout the year – and they want to hear from you! If you don’t like certain policies at your schools then get involved with PTA. There are so many ways to get involved. If you want to, but just don’t know where or what to do, then come on down to the Chamber and we will help you.

Until I got involved in the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce I had no idea how many people volunteer in this community! It is amazing to see the commitment, generosity, and passion that these people have who are making our community a better place – I challenge you to be one of them.

Save the Date

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PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Where did the summer go? The kids are back in school, the Central Washington State Fair is right around the corner, and the holidays will be here in less than three months! I know it’s true that the older we get, time seems to fly by even faster! I, also, believe that technology has changed how we love, how we live and how we work. I can text my husband to inquire where we are going for dinner, scan reports in advance, and stay on top of my emails 24/7! So, what is wrong with this picture?

In the business culture of technology, I’m finding a new balance – or should I say unbalance. As we enter this season of first days of school, red and gold leaves, and holidays that are right around the corner...please take time to reflect. My husband and I have started leaving our cell phones in the car when we are dining (except when he is on call) just so we can give each other the respect and undivided attention the other person deserves.

This is a special time of year as we press on towards the holiday season and just like the recent rare Blue Moon some of us were fortunate enough to witness on August 20th, I want to treasure the moment – because it may be years before I get that opportunity again.

So my business message is this: even though technology has made our lives easier, yet busier, time flies by –just remember to enjoy those rare moments. Blessed Wishes!

Mike Dooley
Chair of the Board of Directors

GREATYAKIMA Chamber of Commerce
Revitalizing Downtown

Live Music, Downtown Summer Nights, Friday Lunch Concerts, and Farmers Markets brought out crowds to downtown Yakima all summer long!

The Yakima Sunday Market continues through October 27th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on S. 3rd street downtown

MEMBER PROFILE

Adel Ebrahim is the proud owner and newest Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce member! Online Tech sells computer equipment and all related computer accessories. Operating across Central Washington from Yakima with over ten years of market experience providing computer services to major companies and government departments. Online Tech Computer prides itself in providing high quality practical and affordable IT products backed by superb levels of service to end users.

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Avoiding Embezzlement

Embezzlement can happen when opportunity, need, and justification meet. As a business owner, you can control opportunity. You can also be alert to need and justification. If one of your organization’s money-handler’s personal financial situation suddenly changes, for better or worse, consider access to corporate funds. A well-developed policy manual that your organization truly references and follows can include some of the following risk management practices:

1. Check references when hiring.
2. Conduct background checks for your money handlers, even if you have known and trusted them for years.
3. Check-signers should not keep or prepare checks.
4. Require two signatures on all checks, or checks over a predetermined amount.
5. Allow no one person to have control of financial transactions.
6. Reconcile bank accounts every month, including a list of all expenditures for the month.
7. Make deposits promptly.
8. If you allow credit card use, define limits and require receipts for all purchases.
9. Create and use a standardized document for all cash handling, signed by two people.
10. Restrict online bank account use.

At the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce and Yakima Chamber Foundation we work for you and are hoping for your every success.

For booth information contact the Chamber at 509.248.2021 or online at www.yakima.org
Are you ready?

September is National Preparedness Month, and Pacific Power is encouraging customers to plan and prepare for natural disasters and emergencies. These steps include:

* Prepare a three-day emergency supply kit. Store these items in a watertight container: bottled water – one gallon per person per day, ready-to-eat foods and manual can opener, battery-operated radio, clock, flashlights and extra batteries, blankets and first-aid kit.
* Make a family emergency plan. Consider a plan in which each family member calls, emails or texts the same out-of-state friend or relative in the event of an emergency.
* Businesses, develop a readiness plan to ensure you and your employees are set to respond if a disaster occurs during work hours. As part of your plan, mark the location of your electrical supply panels and note how to turn off power.

Through advocacy efforts, nonprofits can help prevent loss of resources and lower barriers. On the positive side, they can broaden access to important services or illuminate real community needs and work with policy makers to develop a solution to address them. Find out what it means to be a “heads up” organization and how that will advance your mission. You will walk out with a new lens in which to view nonprofit priorities.

Alison McCaffree holds degrees from Stanford University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an MBA from the Sloan School of Business at MIT. After starting and managing successful for-profit businesses, Alison began her nonprofit career as the Director of Knowledge Transfer for the Leaders for Global Operations program at MIT. Moving to Washington, Alison joined multiple nonprofit boards and became the Executive Director at NPower. She spent the last six years working on a book called Politics of the Possible with Mary Ellen McCaffree, a 4-term Washington State representative, an experience that gives her a unique understanding of the Washington State policy process. Over the last three years, Alison has led the planning and successful start-up of our new state association, Washington Nonprofits, a powerful agent in enhancing the health and influence of the nonprofit sector.

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Central Washington Medical Group Welcomes New Doctor

Central Washington Internal Medicine, an affiliate clinic of the Central Washington Medical Group, announced that Qlini "Q" Lu, MD, has joined the clinic.

Board-certified in internal medicine, Dr. Lu was born in China and grew up in South Africa. He completed medical school in South Africa at the University of Witwatersrand in 2006 with international experience in internal medicine. Dr. Lu began his Internal Medicine Residency at Weiss Memorial Hospital in Chicago in 2010 and joined Central Washington Internal Medicine this month. Dr. Lu is patient and compassionate with adult patients. He has a passion for practicing a holistic approach to health and enjoys working with adult patients.

When not practicing medicine, Dr. Lu enjoys maintaining an active lifestyle and spending time with his family. He is currently accepting new patients and can be reached at (509) 577-4600.
Chamber Members who renewed their Memberships in June & July 2013
Please support these businesses that support your Chamber!

**Members for 1-4 Years:**
- A-L Compressed Gases – 2 Years
- Asher Optical at Fieldstone – 4 Years
- Campbell and Company – 3 Years
- Kannon Math and Reading Center of Yakima – 2 Years
- Mighty Tieton – 3 Years
- Miller and Associates Wealth Management – 4 Years
- Rodda Paint Company – 3 Years
- The Woodshed at Eagle Rock Resort – 4 Years
- Windy Point Vineyards – 4 Years
- Yakama Nation Legends Casino – Board of Directors – 2 Years
- Yakima Valley Hearing and Speech Center – 3 Years

**Members for 5-9 Years:**
- All Valley Sheet Metal – 7 Years
- Apple-A-Day – 5 Years
- Bethel Ridge Family Resources – 9 Years
- Cambridge Management Company – 7 Years
- CBS Outdoor – 7 Years
- Fiesta Fools – 7 Years
- Gilbert Cellars – 6 Years
- G. S. Long – 7 Years
- Hyatt Management Corporation – 7 Years
- Interstate Battery of Apple Valley – 5 Years
- Natural Accent Flooring – 6 Years
- Prestige Motors – 5 Years
- Rad’s Auto Repair – 7 Years
- Ron’s Coin and Book – 7 Years
- Shopkeeper – 6 Years
- Zaremba Claims Service – 7 Years

**Members for 10-14 Years:**
- 2nd Street Grill – 14 Years
- All About Fun – 11 Years
- AW Roofing of Yakima – 12 Years
- Baker Boyer Bank – 14 Years
- Clark Jennings and Associates – 12 Years
- DaVita – Union Gap Dialysis Center – 10 Years
- Eagle Signs – 14 Years
- H.E.B. Mini Storage – 12 Years
- Peopleworks – 10 Years
- Yakima Valley Regional Libraries – 10 Years

**Members for 15-19 Years:**
- American Medical Response – 18 Years
- Brockway Opfer Raah Architecture – 19 Years
- Comfort Suites Yakima – 16 Years
- Concord Construction – 19 Years
- Conley Engineering – 19 Years
- Fulenwider Environmental Consulting – 19 Years
- Jansiecke and Company – 19 Years
- Meadowbrook Family Fun Center – 19 Years
- West Coast Plastics – 16 Years
- Yakima Association of Realtors – 19 Years
- Yakima Orthotics and Prosthetics – 15 Years
- Yakima Urology Associates – 15 Years

**Members for 20-24 Years:**
- Avail Home Health – 24 Years
- Bartons Center Pharmacy – 24 Years
- H. D. Fowler Company – 20 Years
- Olive Garden – 23 Years
- Peterson CPA’s and Advisors – 22 Years
- Rural Community Development Resources – 21 Years
- Washington State Employees Credit Union – 22 Years

**Members for 25-29 Years:**
- Aubrey’s R.V. Center – 28 Years
- C.W.I. Security – 27 Years
- Leonard Rickey Investment Advisors – 29 Years
- Parese Computer Corporation – 29 Years
- Thompson Audiology and Hearing Aid Center – 29 Years
- Yakima Neighborhood Health – 27 Years

**Members for 30-39 Years:**
- Charter Communications – 35 Years
- Dr. Carbery’s Oasis Dental – 34 Years
- Hubregtse, Louman Associates – 32 Years
- Keeler’s Medical Supply – 34 Years
- Russell Crane Service – 35 Years
- Star Rentals and Sales – 36 Years
- Valley Title Guarantee – 36 Years
- Wells Fargo Insurance Services – 38 Years
- YMCA of Yakima – 34 Years
- YWCA of Yakima – 34 Years

**Members for 40-49 Years:**
- America’s Community Bank – 44 Years
- Knobels Electrical – 46 Years
- Longview Fibre Paper and Packaging – 43 Years

**Members for 50-59 Years:**
- Scheine’s Tire – 56 Years
- Shirk’s Bag and Printing – 50 Years

**Members for 60-69 Years:**
- GE Aviation – 63 Years
- KIMA, KUNW (Univision), CW – 61 Years
- Quality Business Systems (QBSI) – 62 Years
- Yakima Valley Growers and Shippers – 64 Years

**Members for 70-79 Years:**
- G. H. Moen – 74 Years
- Rankin Equipment Company – 79 Years

**Members for 80-89 Years:**
- Picatti Brothers – 86 Years
- Yakima Herald Republic – 87 Years

**Members for 90-99 Years:**
- Helliesen Lumber and Supply Co. – 94 Years

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