

**APRIL 2012**

# Chamber Express

A Steilacoom Chamber of Commerce Publication

## The President's Message

Today, for just this few hours, a welcome reprieve from the rain, hail, wind and intermittent sunshine of the past few weeks. Not predicted but I'll take it. Tomorrow will bring more rain, I'm sure.

This month finds us in planning, working behind the scenes and arranging future activities for our members. I'm happy to hear of the re-opening of a Port Steilacoom Building restaurant. Such a great location, The Topside is now open daily for lunch and dinner and among our newest Chamber of Commerce members. Early reports rave about the terrific food and warm atmosphere. We hope to have an event for members there soon. In the meantime, stop by, welcome proprietors John and Lisa O'Reilly to our fold, and enjoy some good food and beverage. And while you're at it, please visit our other top quality food and beverage establishments: Bair Bistro, La Crème Brulee, Espresso by the Bay, Steilacoom Pub and Steilacoom Marine and Spirits. Every penny spent in Steilacoom helps our Town retain its autonomy and flourish.

The new Business Directory is slated for delivery this month so watch your front door for our annual publication. This useful book is a staple of Steilacoom homes. We also provide a supply to the Town Administration office staff to give to new residents, the Community Center, the Better Business Bureau and other locations to help further distribute information about Chamber of Commerce businesses.

*Cindy McKitrick-President*

### CHAMBER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PRESENTATION

Cindy McKitrick, president of the Steilacoom Chamber of Commerce and a Pierce College alum, presented Pierce College Foundation Board Treasurer Linda Evanson with a \$2,000 check to support student scholarships at last Friday's Breakfast with the President at Pierce College Fort Steilacoom. The Steilacoom Chamber of Commerce has, for 12 years, offered \$1,000 scholarships for four graduating Steilacoom High School students to attend Pierce College. Funds for the scholarship are raised through the Chamber's annual Spaghetti Dinner, the Grand Old Fourth of July festivities and other smaller fundraisers. Once the Chamber funds the scholarship, the process of identifying deserving students begins. Steilacoom High School's Wanda Betancourt is instrumental in this part. Chosen students are awarded certificates at the Steilacoom High School Senior Awards Night each year.

### OFFICERS

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### Web Site Business Listing

**Online Business Listings**  
If you are a member of the Chamber, you may add or modify your listing in our Online Business Directory here: [www.steilacoom.org](http://www.steilacoom.org)

Click on this Link:

"Local Business Directory"  
[www.darsbydesign.com](http://www.darsbydesign.com)  
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### Newsletter Information

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## Welcome New Members:

***It's Back !!***

***Topside Bar and Grill 253.212.3690***

***John and Lisa O'Reilly***

***topsidebarandgrill@gmail.com***

Come and check out the new menu (kids too). There is a community chalkboard available to post and read all upcoming Steilacoom events. Don't forget the quarterdeck for a great place to hold your next business meeting. It is also a great place for graduation parties, anniversary celebrations, rehearsal dinners, and wedding receptions.

**THE ROOF TOP DECK IS ALWAYS OPEN !!!**

**Hours:** Monday-Thursday 11:00—10:00

Friday & Saturday 11:00—11:59

Sunday 11:00—9:00

*Come on in and enjoy the food, drink, dessert and of course the great view !!*

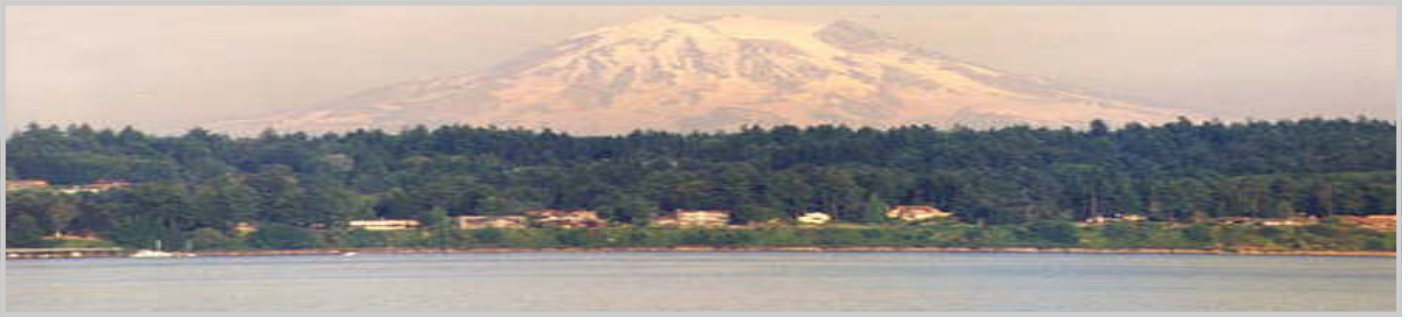
### South Puget Sound News

**353-3495**

South Puget Sound News publishes news articles and event information that pertains to DuPont, Steilacoom and surrounding communities. This website is free for anyone who has access to the Internet. Articles are published on the site Monday through Friday, or when breaking news occurs. Online advertising is available for local businesses, non-profits, or for events. Cara Mitchell, owner of C.E.M. Communications L.L.C., has over 16 years of communications, marketing and public relations experience.

C.E.M. Communications, L.L.C. offers writing, editing and public relations services for local businesses, groups or organizations. C.E.M. Communications L.L.C. also owns and operates the online news website, [www.southpugetsoundnews.com](http://www.southpugetsoundnews.com).





## **Young Entrepreneurs Dream Big**

*By Calvin W. Goings, SBA Assistant Associate Administrator*

All across the country, there are young men and women dreaming of opening their own business. Some are looking to start the next social media phenomenon, while others are focused on a business idea that fills an important niche on their campuses and in their communities.

At the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), we know that young entrepreneurs are a valuable source of American innovation which is why we launched our Young Entrepreneur Series (YES). The SBA has the tools and resources to help these entrepreneurs succeed.

SBA appreciates that young entrepreneurs have different sorts of needs – they're not just online and mobile; they're starting all kinds of businesses while working out of cafes or even dorm rooms. We've launched a new set of online tools, with links to resources and online courses, geared specifically toward young entrepreneurs at <http://www.sba.gov/content/young-entrepreneurs>.

And the SBA online community puts articles and advice from tens of thousands of small business owners and entrepreneurs online and available for perusing on our website. Join the community at [www.sba.gov/community](http://www.sba.gov/community).

SBA has many other tools available for young entrepreneurs and small businesses alike. We like to call these our "three C's" and include capital, contracting, and counseling.

We provide a government guarantee on SBA loans that are given by lenders to increase access to capital. One great example is SBA's microloan program. It provides low-cost, low-dollar loans to entrepreneurs and small business owners who require a small infusion of capital to start or expand their business.

Opportunities available for small businesses in federal contracting include special efforts for women, veterans and disadvantaged businesses.

And we offer counseling and training to over a million aspiring entrepreneurs each year through our resource partner network including: SCORE, Small Business Development Centers (SBDC), Women Business Centers, and Veterans Business Centers.

As young entrepreneurs build their small businesses, SBA resource partners are there for them to provide mentoring, coaching and advice for every stage of their business, from starting up and writing a business plan, to accessing capital and expanding.

SBA is dedicated to educating young entrepreneurs, connecting them to each other and other successful business owners and providing better access to tools, resources and information for starting, growing and managing a business.

But no matter where you are, how old you are, or what your business is, SBA has resources to help you grow your business. You can get in touch with your local SBA district office in Seattle, branch office in Spokane or resource partner at [www.sba.gov/direct](http://www.sba.gov/direct).



“You are only young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely.”

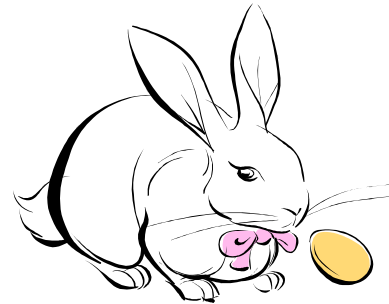
### APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

Bonnie Tinsley	Chambers Bay Realty	4
Deborah Kloby	DC DuPont Chiropractic Center	7
Cynthia Powell	Organic Dog Treats	10
Vicky Selden	McAvoy's Family Dentistry	10
Clive Ebsen	Rainier Construction & Remodeling	12
John Inselman	Individual Member/Parade Committee	12
Nancy Woempner	Wild Hare Design	13
Marlene Kam	Creative Memories	16
Larry Whelan	Chambers Bay Realty	19
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Lynn Stephens	Stetz Construction	25
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If you do not see your Birthday listed or it is listed incorrectly, please let Veva know.

The Steilacoom Chamber of Commerce is an all volunteer organization. Membership is open to any individual or business. Our Mission is to support and promote local business and participate in civic projects.

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