



Greater Lake Stevens CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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December 2011

December Luncheon

Gala Award Luncheon & Holiday Toy Drive

Monday, December 12, 2011 • 11:30 AM

Lake Stevens School District ESC
12309 22nd Street NE • Downtown Lake Stevens
\$10 for members • \$15 for non-members

Plan to join us on December 12th for our *Gala Luncheon Event* where we will be honoring the Business of the Year, Chamber Member of the Year and the 2011 Lake Stevens Hall of Fame inductees!

We will also welcome our 2012 officers and board members and thank the outgoing board.

Please plan to attend and show your support and

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Chamber Social Mixer

Thursday, December 1st

Lake Stevens Journal

Grand Re-opening & Ribbon Cutting

5:00-6:30 PM

See full information on page 3

*Holiday Shopping Season . . .
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Economy . . . Shop Locally!*

President's Message

Thanks for a great 2011! Pam Stevens

Wow does time fly and 2011 is no exception! I can't believe we are in the midst of yet another holiday season. While I love the twinkling lights and the Christmas music floating through the air, I could certainly do without darkness by 4:40 in the afternoon.

It has been a wonderful year at the Chamber and I want to express my thanks to all of you who have supported me these last 12 months. I've enjoyed getting to know each of you a little better and hope to continue to see your faces at our meetings in the future.

Speaking of meetings, we are going to try something new in 2012. We are going to start holding breakfast meetings on the odd months in 2012. They will still be at the Lake Stevens School District Educational Services Center. Because many of our members have a hard time leaving their business during the day, we have chosen to try early morning meetings every other month. You will be receiving more information on this soon.



Pam Stevens
2011 Chamber President

Please be sure to join us at our monthly luncheon on Monday, December 12 at 11:30 a.m.

We will be recognizing some very special people at this meeting and your support of those who make this community a great one would be appreciated! *Continued . . .*

President's message continued . . .

(A little self-promotion here!) On December 1st the Lake Stevens Journal will be hosting their annual Chamber Mixer and Grand Re-Opening event at our new offices. We are now located at 1816 Southlake Road, #2 and the evening will start at 5 p.m. and end at 6:30 p.m. We will great door prizes, scrumptious food and drinks and even a little Christmas music to get you in the mood for the holidays.

Congrats to our new 2012 board members who were recently elected at our November meeting. Welcome Kim Demary, Relay for Life Lake Stevens, Kelly DuByne, Distinctive Interior Designs and Brett Wynne of Alexander Printing. I am looking forward to working with you next year!

Lastly, I would like to thank our wonderful 2011 board for all of their hard work on the behalf of our members. Marcus Tageant, Kim Daughtry, Tonya Christoffersen, Kathleen Friend, Laana Larson, Rob Toyer, Sabrina Riggle, Juanita Williams, Monika Kristofferson, Dan Curley, Cindy Brengman and Marci Miller. I couldn't have done it without each of you!

Donna Foster and Melody Sedy deserve a huge thanks for keeping us going each and every day.

Here's wishing you a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Pam Stevens

2011 President

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appreciation to our honored guests who help make the Lake Stevens community a great place to live and work.

Please RSVP with the Chamber office at info@lakestevenschamber.com or 425-334-0433 by Wednesday, December 7th, or Pre-register and make payment at www.LakeStevensChamber.com.

Annual Gift Drive for Family Center . . .

The Chamber is partnering with the Lake Stevens Family Center again this year to provide gifts for children in our community. **Please bring a new, unwrapped gift to the December 12th luncheon.** The gifts will be distributed to children in our community who have signed up through the Giving Tree Program at the Family Center.

Giving tags can be picked up at the Family Center, or the following locations: DeLorm Family Dental, Jay's Market, Rainy Days Caffe and American Family Insurance. Please drop off gifts at any of those locations by Dec. 8th, or bring them to the Chamber's December 12th luncheon.

Remember a cash donation will also go a long way to help buy gifts. The Family Center will be happy to take your cash donation to buy a gift if you do not have the time.

Luncheons Sponsored by: 

2011 Officers

Pam Stevens, President

Lake Stevens Journal

Kim Daughtry, President Elect

Rehabber Extraordinaire

Tonya Christoffersen, Treasurer

Lake Stevens Sewer District

Kathleen Friend, Secretary

Lake Stevens Family Center

Marcus Tageant, Past President

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Board Members

Cindy Brengman

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"The Chamber Board believes we should be one community in business, education, governance and living, and will work toward this goal."

Chamber Holiday Mixer December 1st

Hosted by Lake Stevens Journal • Sponsored by Comcast Business Class

The Lake Stevens *Journal* is pleased to host the next Chamber Social Mixer and celebrate their grand re-opening on **Thursday, December 1st from 5:00-6:30 p.m.** at their new location, 1816 South Lake Stevens Road, Suite 2, Lake Stevens WA 98258.

Join us for a fun evening and enjoy some great holiday beverages, food and lots of cheer with friends!

Our mixers are a casual open-house format where you can get to know your fellow Chamber members (future business associates) face to face. If you would like to promote your business by donating a door prize, contact the Chamber office.

Welcome 2012 Chamber Board

The Greater Lake Stevens Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present our 2012 Officers and Directors as voted at the November 14th luncheon . . .

Officers: President Kim Daughtry, Rehabber Extraordinaire; President Elect Tonya Christoffersen, Lake Stevens Sewer District; Past President Pam Stevens, Lake Stevens Journal; Treasurer Marlo Warbis, Lakeland Homes; Secretary Kathleen Friend, Lake Stevens Family Center.

Directors: Dan Curley, Lake Stevens Boys & Girls Club; Kim Demary, Relay for Life; Kelly DuByne, Distinctive Interior Designs; Monika Kristofferson, Efficient Organization; Laana Larson, Lake Stevens Fire; Rob Toyer, Toyer Wealth Management; Juanita Williams, Williams Real Estate Brokers; Brett Wynne, Alexander Printing.

These board members will start making plans for a successful 2012 very soon. Please contact them with any comments or suggestions you have.

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360-568-0536

All of us at Columbia Bank are thrilled to be the newest member of the Snohomish County business community and we are eager to continue supporting the groups and events that mean the most to you. You will see firsthand that Columbia Bank is a community bank dedicated to serving small and midsize businesses, professionals and individuals throughout the Northwest.

Because we are truly a community bank, we allow each individual market to determine which causes to support. We get to know you and what's important to you, and then we offer our support. You will see us at community events and in business and civic groups—not just presenting a check, but getting involved by volunteering. We have a long history in each of our communities of supporting economic development, education, the arts and a variety of worthy causes.

We look forward to getting to know you and for the opportunity for you to get to know Columbia Bank. We are committed to the Snohomish County community and strive to be your community bank. Thank you for welcoming us into your community—we look forward to serving you.

Chamber & Business News

Announcing New Business Name ~ Williams Real Estate Brokers

Juanita and son Kevyn Williams are very happy to announce that we have changed the name of our real estate brokerage.

We are now proudly called Williams Real Estate Brokers and are very happy with the change. We are located in Lake Stevens in the shopping center with fellow Chamber members Luca's Italian Restaurant, Foster Press, Community Escrow, Merry Maids and TK Enterprises. After years of being with a national franchise, this has given us a chance to make decisions for our business on a local level.

Williams Real Estate Brokers is a full service brokerage. When we list your property, as members of the multiple listing service, it gives us the tools to make your property available to all the participating real estate brokerages as well. We can show all homes that are listed in the Puget Sound area as well, not just our listings. This gives you, as the buyer, many more options. We pride ourselves in advertising in all of the leading real estate magazines to give our clients as much exposure as possible.

Our staff is experienced in the short sale process and in bank owned properties as well as being a HUD Broker which allows us to show and sell HUD owned properties. With a network of past relationships, we also have a wide referral network, whether it is for your out-of-town or out-of-state property.

Call us at 425-334-1600 for all your real estate needs.

Phony BBB Complaint Email Hits Businesses Nationwide Fake Complaint Notice Lands Reports from Businesses

Nov. 23, 2011 – Locally and nationally, businesses are reporting questionable complaint notices disguised as official Better Business Bureau correspondence. Phishing emails—which prominently feature BBB's name and

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logo—indicate that businesses have received BBB complaints and must respond by clicking on enclosed links or attachments.

Locally, BBB serving Alaska, Oregon and Western Washington has received dozens of reports of these fake complaint notices.

Emails appear to come from fraudulent copy-cat senders: "risk@bbb.org," "alert@bbb.org" and "service@bbb.org." Enclosed is a link that appears to go to bbb.org, but instead, it directs users to an illegitimate web address—which may cause viruses on recipients' computers.

- Do not click links, open attachments or reply to suspicious emails.
- If links or attachments were accessed, delete emails and run virus scans on computers immediately.

Report fraudulent emails at bbb.org/scam/report-a-scam.

While Better Business Bureau does notify businesses of real complaints by mail, email and fax, contact [BBB](#) locally to verify legitimacy.

Better Business Bureau serving Alaska, Oregon and Western Washington: Working to advance marketplace trust, BBB is a neutral not-for-profit organization supported by BBB Accredited Businesses. BBB provides ethical business standards, BBB Business Reviews, Charity Reviews, complaint handling, marketplace events and tips. For more information, [contact BBB](#) or visit bbb.org.

Employer Seminar – Immigration Compliance

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) is pleased to invite you to an employer seminar on immigration compliance training consisting of the following topics:

- ◆ The new IMAGE Program
- ◆ Form I-9 and employer compliance
- ◆ Detecting Fraudulent documents
- ◆ E-Verify

Thursday, **January 19, 2012, Registration at 08:30 a.m.**, Training from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Old Federal Building, 909 1st Avenue Room FOB 90, Seattle, Washington 98104.

HSI can help you comply with the law and develop a more secure and stable work force. In the process, you can protect your brand and market share, while promoting compliance.

Please register by contacting one of your Seattle HSI IMAGE Coordinators: Lynda M. Buehring 206 442-2232, Adam Anderson 206 442-1658, Edwin Martinez 206 442-2236.

Community News

Please find local and community news and events on the Chamber website:

<http://www.lakestevenschamber.com/lsevents.htm>

and

http://www.lakestevenschamber.com/forms/communtty_bulletn_bord1.htm

Upcoming Chamber Events - Save the Dates!

Showcase Lake Stevens ~ Saturday, April 21, 2012 ~ 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Lake Stevens High School

Chamber Leadership Breakfast ~ May 17th ~ 7:30 a.m. at LSSD ESC