

FRIDAY FLASH



Chamber Updates that you don't want to miss!

Membership Corner

By Kali Jean Tuckerman

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today" H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Our next Business 4 Breakfast is coming up here quickly on December 11th at 7:00am. This will be held at **Anchor Fitness** (316 Central) and catered by **Clark and Lewie's**. Please RSVP to [Roxy](#) by noon on Friday, December 7th!

We'd love for you to join us in celebration of the holidays at our Holiday Open House on December 19th at the Chamber Office from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Complimentary food and drinks will be provided. Thank you to **Big Bang Pizza, JJ's Bakery, Clark and Lewie's, Food Frenzy, Crossroads Coffee, Perkin's Restaurant** and **Pepsi of Great Falls**.

Help us in Welcoming our New Member:

Premier Home Mortgage – Ozzy Dahlman: Ozzy is a loan originator who goes above and beyond for her clients. She wants to know: What's your goal? What's the bigger financial picture? Is this the right time for you to get a mortgage? What's the right mortgage for you right now? Once she has the answers to those questions she will walk you through their products in great detail!

Check her out at: <https://odahlman.premierhomemortgage.com>, 406-205-3940, or ozzy.dahlman@p hm.net

Member News:

First Call Computer Solutions is having a Lunch and Learn on December 6th at 12:00 – "Make Your Website Work for Your Business!"
– <https://www.facebook.com/events/488754131624103/>

Penthouse Salon & Spa is having their Holiday Open House tomorrow from 8am-4pm – be sure to check it out! <https://www.facebook.com/events/363114564436108/>

Ag Committee

*Bill Harp, General Mills - Chair
December 13th, 12:30pm*



Farm Bill Big Topic at MT Grain Growers Convention

As members of the Montana Grain Growers Association meet in Great Falls this week for their annual convention, without a doubt, one of the biggest issues they're talking about is the new farm bill and whether the legislation will be passed in

2018. Late Wednesday, Washington insiders said a farm bill agreement could be announced yet this week. Leadership of the farm bill conference committee reports a deal is close, with a possible announcement this week and a more detailed announcement to follow next week, according to staffers close to the negotiations. A move towards an agreement would set the stage to allow Congress to consider final passage of the bill this year. Senate Ag Committee Chairman Pat Roberts says a full agreement depends on the cost analysis. There is little time in the lame duck session to complete the bill, as lawmakers are scheduled to exit Washington by mid-December. Still, all sides appear committed to finishing the bill this year, ahead of a new Congress that offers a change of control in the House of Representatives. (Northern Ag Network)

Ambassador Committee

*Curtis Finnicum, Wells Fargo Advisors - Chair
December 12th, 7:30am*

The Ambassador group is gearing up for December! We hope to see you at the Business After Hours at **TD&H Engineering** on Thursday, December 13th from 4-6pm! If you are looking for a way to get involved with YOUR Chamber of Commerce, joining our group would be a great way! Feel free to attend our monthly meeting or just chat with one of us at one of the Chamber Events.



Business Advocacy Committee

*Lewis Card, Great Falls College-MSU
December 13th, 7:30am*



Mark your calendar and plan to attend the next Business Advocacy Committee meeting on Thursday morning, December 13th at 7:30 a.m. at the Chamber office. At the meeting the committee will pick back up on their work to create task force teams supporting a community recruitment team, the Choose Great Falls website and also affordable workforce housing. We need your expertise as the committee works to support these areas of need in our community. To learn more about the Business Advocacy Committee or to get involved, please contact [Roxy](#) or [Shane](#).

Business Networking Groups

*Amy Dardis, 406 Marketing/John Mack, Really Montana Photography- Co-Chairs BNG 1
Melissa Dascoulias, Dahlquist Realtor - Chair BNG 2
Darren Wood, Northwest Media - Chair BNG 3
Tauna Locatelli, Advantage Insurance - Chair BNG 4
Lorie Jean Schult, Remax/Amanda Maher, Edward Jones - Co-Chairs BNG 5
Bob Evans, Great Falls Realty - Chair - BNG 6*

Interested in joining a BNG?? Please contact [Kali](#). Here is a [list](#) of all our current BNGs.

Leadership Programs

*Kelby Donnelly, JCCS - Chair
December 18th, 12:30pm*

Leadership Great Falls 2018-2019 Class Project

The Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Great Falls class of 2018-2019 is raising funds to benefit the Dandelion Foundation and Royal Family Kids. They are currently asking for your help to raise funds for both organizations. Your donation will enable the Dandelion Foundation to purchase interviewing equipment for the forensic interviewing process used by the Cascade County Child Advocacy Center. Digital video to record child forensic interviews has been found to enhance the ability to prosecute cases of child abuse and may also eliminate the need for the child to enter the courtroom and face their abusers. In addition, one third of the proceeds will be donated to the Royal Family Kids program to purchase a trailer which will allow them to store and transport the supplies for their life-changing program for foster children. For more information or to donate to their project, please contact [Lindsay Lalonde](#).

Military Affairs Committee

Matt Lynde, Health Care Service Corporation - Chair

The MAC is in full preparation for the upcoming MAC Ball on January 19, 2019. It will be held at the **Meadow Lark Country Club** and invites will be coming out in December. If you or your business are interested in sponsoring the event, please contact the Chamber.



The next MAC lunch will be held on January 4th. It is tentatively scheduled for the **History Museum** and we will be presenting the documentary film "Thunder Under the Big Sky" which details the history of aviation and the role Great Falls played in many events from WWII to the present. RSVPs will be sent later in December for this event and it is open to ALL Chamber Members.

The MAC is always looking for eager members to help plan, organize and participate in our events. If you are interested in becoming a MAC member, please contact [myself](#) or [Roxy](#) at the Chamber.

Montana Defense Alliance

David Weissman, Subway - Chair



This week the MTDA would like to thank Steve Grooms and **1st Liberty Federal Credit Union** for not only renewing their Membership to the MTDA, but also for moving up to the Two Star level! THANK YOU! The MTDA would not be able to do what we do without the support of Members like 1st Liberty! We have four levels for you to choose from, if you would like more information, please contact [Roxy](#) at the Chamber, or Chair of the MTDA, David Weissman at subwaymt@gmail.com or on his cell at (406) 868-3004. Be sure to tune in to KGPR Tuesday December 4th at 1:00 PM for On Point hosted by Joe Parsetich. Joe and MTDA Chair David Weissman recently spent some time in the studio chatting about Wheat Ridge Estates, a proposed east end development that is considered incompatible land use in the most recent Joint Land Use Study, or JLUS. KGPR is found on your local Radio at 89.9 FM.

CEO Report

By Shane Etwiler

Business Goes to School

On Tuesday, November 27th all of the schools in the **Great Falls Public School District** were invaded by business owners, managers and CEO's to spend a morning walking in the shoes of the principal and the teachers. We then all meet at Paris Gibson

Education Center for a delicious lunch catered by the culinary students from Great Falls High School. After that we had an open discussion on things the business leaders saw that surprised them, what the principals would have liked to show or tell but didn't get a chance. What each party learned that they could use to make Great Falls greater or the schools greater? You can view articles covering the event in the [Tribune](#) and on [KRTV.com](#). I would like to thank the following for participating in this inaugural event which will be an annual event! The event was sponsored by the Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, the **Great Falls Public Schools** and the Great Falls Public Schools Foundation.

School	Principal	Guest	Business
Chief Joseph	Bob Ingalls	Erica Martin	Benefis
Giant Springs	Rhonda Zobrak	Wade DeBoo	TD&H
Lewis & Clark	Jackie Mainwaring	Amy Dardis	406 Marketing & Design
Lincoln	Jon Konen	Dr. Susan Wolff	Great Falls College - MSU
Longfellow	Lance Boyd	Max Grebe	LPW Architect
Loy	Kim Ray	David Weissman	Subway Inc.
Meadow Lark	Teresa Sprague	John Faulkner	Great Falls Airport Authority
Morningside	Kim DeFries	Erin Furr	Anderson ZurMuehlen
Mountain View	Carole McKittrick	Jim Sargent	StaRadio
Riverview	Luke Diekhans	Cody Grove	Walmart
Sacajawea	Rae Smith	Angie Powel	Walmart
Sunnyside	Ryan Hart	Dan Manella	Cherry Creek Radio
Valley View	Rachel Cutler	Jill Daniels	ADF
West	Michelle Meredith	Sam Shinaberger	Great Falls Clinic
Whittier	Corri Smith	Forrest Ehlinger	Benefis
Skyline Pre-School	Colette Getten	Karen Brandvold	D.A. Davidson
East Middle School	Brad Barringer	Sabrina Coleman	Loenbro
North Middle School	Tara Rosipal	Tim Culliton	Pacific Steel & Recycling
Paris Gibson Ed Center	Drew Uecker	Holly Kopeikin	KRTV
C.M. Russell HS	Kerry Parsons	Aaron Perry	Talcott Construction
Great Falls HS	Heather Hoyer	Eric Bliss	General Distributing

KLJ Receives Awards – Congratulations!

Congratulations to our members at **KLJ** for receiving three American Council of Engineering Companies of Montana awards for work performed for the Havre Readiness Center, Lockwood Targeted Economic Development District (TEDD) and the Town and Country Fertilizer Depot.

Legislative Session – Committee Assignments

As the Legislative session is getting ready to begin in January, the preliminary committee assignments have been posted.

The 2019 Legislative Session Leadership:

• House

- Speaker Greg Hertz (HD12-Polson)
- Speaker Pro Tempore Wylie Galt (HD30-Martinsdale)
- Majority Leader Brad Tschida (HD97-Missoula)
- Majority Whips
 - Dennis Lenz (HD53-Billings)
 - Derek Skees (HD11-Kalispell)
 - Seth Berglee (HD58-Bridger)
 - Becky Beard (HD80-Elliston)
- Minority Leader Casey Schreiner (HD26-Great Falls)
- Minority Caucus Chair Laurie Bishop (HD60-Livingston)
- Minority Whips

- Denise Hayman (HD66-Bozeman)
- Kim Abbott (HD83-Helena)
- Shane Morigeau (HD95-Missoula)

• **Senate**

- President Scott Sales (SD35-Bozeman)
- President Pro Tempore Mark Blasdel (SD4-Kalispell)
- Majority Leader Fred Thomas (SD44-Stevensville)
- Majority Whips
 - Steve Fitzpatrick (SD10-Great Falls)
 - Cary Smith (SD27-Billings)
- Minority Leader Jon Sesso (SD37-Butte)
- Minority Whips
 - JP Pomnichowski (SD33-Bozeman)
 - Margie MacDonald (SD26-Billings)

View the [Senate](#) and [House](#) committees assignments for 2019.

With leadership selected, both parties continued to articulate the core objectives for their respective caucuses in 2019. Topics that will drive the debate include Medicaid expansion reauthorization, infrastructure investment, Montana's work comp system, and whether to emphasize government cuts or tax increases to pass the budget.

Your Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will be active in the upcoming Legislative Session working on the behalf of businesses in the greater Great Falls Area!

As always, I consider it a privilege to serve you!
Shane

UPCOMING EVENTS

First Call Lunch and Learn ~ December 6, 2018 ~ 12:00-1:00pm

Business 4 Breakfast ~ Anchor Fitness ~ December 11, 2018 ~ 7:00am

Tax Reform Bill 2017 Lunch & Learn ~ December 12, 2018 ~ 11:45am-1:15pm

Business After Hours ~ TD&H Engineering ~ December 13, 2018 ~ 4:00-6:00pm

Holiday Open House ~ Chamber of Commerce ~ December 19, 2018 ~ 11:00-2:00pm

Business 4 Breakfast ~ January 8, 2019 ~ Great Falls Voyagers ~ 7:00am

Business After Hours ~ Montana PRCA Pro Rodeo ~ January 10, 2019 ~ 4:00-6:00pm

7th Annual Ag Appreciation Banquet ~ Heritage Inn ~ January 18, 2019 ~ 5:30-8:00pm

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