



BUSINESS NEWS

"Creating a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy"

May 2014

Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce

MAY CHAMBER BREAKFAST FEATURES US CONGRESSMAN DEREK KILMER



**Join us Friday
May 23rd**

**7:30-9 AM at
Islandwood**

Congressman Derek Kilmer will give us an update on what has been happening in Washington, D.C., and what is coming up of interest to businesses.

Sponsored by Puget Sound Energy

GET READY FOR THE GRAND OLD FOURTH OF JULY!

Again This Year! \$1,000 for the Most Humorous Parade Entry!

This award is made possible by the generosity of John Ellis and Frank Buxton, members of the EDGE Improv group and veteran Grand Old Fourth parade announcers. Ellis and Buxton will decide the winner. If the winning entry is a non-profit organization, it may keep the money. If the winning entry is not a non-profit organization, it will donate the money to the Kitsap County non-profit organization of its choice, designated on the parade application. Remember the VW bus toaster? Get creative and join the fun!

Parade Applications are available on our website at www.bainbridgechamber.com

4th of July Volunteers Needed! Contact Mickey Molnaire mickey@bainbridgechamber.com or 206-842-3700.



Creativity at the 4 July Parade

HELP BAINBRIDGE ISLAND WIN FIRST PLACE!!!

Bainbridge Island, WA, has just been nominated for "Best Summer Weekend Escape" by USA Today Travel's 10Best, along with 19 other destinations in the United States. Bainbridge is the only nominee in Washington State.

Voters have four weeks to vote online for the candidate of their choice. Voters can vote once a day. The contest ends Monday, May 26th, 2014, at 11:59 AM EDT (8:59 AM PDT) and the winners will be announced on 10Best on Wednesday, May 28th, 2014 at 11:59 AM EDT, then later on USA TODAY.

Vote Online at <http://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-summer-weekend-escape/>

Short Link: <http://bit.ly/1kk7Ooz>

Please help us spread the word



SAVE THE DATE!
Annual Chamber
Golf Tournament
**Thursday,
August 7**



UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

MAY BREAKFAST

Fri., May 23, 2014, 7:30 - 9:00 AM

IslandWood - 4450 Blakely Ave. NE

Update from the US Congress: **US Congressman Derek Kilmer** will fill us in and answer questions. This month's breakfast is sponsored by chamber member **Puget Sound Energy**.

The public is welcome. Sign up online before midnight May 21 and save \$5.

Cost In Advance - (sign up online before midnight, Wed., May 21 or call 206-842-3700 before 5 PM Wed, May 21)

Current Members \$18, Future Members \$23.

At the Door Current Members \$23, Future Members \$28.

Cancellation: If you need to cancel your breakfast reservation, please remember that we can refund your payment only if you let us know before 5 PM on the Wednesday before the breakfast.

MAY AFTER HOURS

Thurs. May 22, 5:30 - 7 PM. This month's after hours event is hosted by **Braces Inc.**, who specialize in orthodontic treatment. Not only do they do braces, they specialize in treating patients with Invisalign and Invisalign Teen. **Dr. Troy Okunami** is excited to share with you his itero digital impression scanner and offer accelerated orthodontics for those who want to complete treatment faster. Join us for great food, beer, wine, and fun!

Location: 525 High School Rd. NW. Free event, no reservations necessary. The public is welcome.



MAY'S BASE LECTURE "Business Solutions to Poverty"

Friday, May 9

5:30-7 PM

Bainbridge Library

This month's BASE (Building a Sustainable Economy) lecture, "Business Solutions to Poverty", features Mal Warwick, renowned serial entrepreneur. Learn about innovative products and services designed to address some of the endemic problems of poverty, and how businesses are creatively working to provide ethical and effective business practices in the third world.

FREE. RSVP: bi-poverty.eventbrite.com



Brought to you by Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce, Bainbridge Graduate Institute, Sustainable Bainbridge and Bainbridge Public Library.

OFFICEXPATS MAY WORKSHOPS

The May Tuesdays@noon theme will be: Self-Publishing for Revenue and Building Your Business.

Now more than ever, it's within anyone's reach to write, produce, and publish a book, and it turns out to be a great way to build your business and your credibility as an independent professional. You may already have the content for an inexpensive or free 100-page book, and it just needs some strategic re-packaging.

Register Now!

May 6: Many Options For Publishing Your Book (including the Least Expensive!) Introduction by Dave Krage and presentation by Trudy Catterfeld

May 13th: Interior Book Design and Book Cover Design. Presented by Sheila Cowley

May 20th: Copy Editing and Developmental Editing. Presented by Dave Krage and Jennifer Hager

May 27th: Book Marketing. Presented by Annette Walker and Trudy Catterfeld

IGNITE BAINBRIDGE 3

Tuesday, May 6, 6 - 9 PM

Bainbridge Cinema, 403 Madison Ave. N

Now in its third year, Ignite Bainbridge is a forum for "Big Ideas in 5 Minutes". Over a dozen speakers will entertain and educate the community, but each has only five minutes and 20 slides to tell his/her story. Trish King of The Island School will present "Standardized Testing - Is it Serving Our Children?" where she questions the focus on standardized testing in American education today. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$2.50 age 17 and under at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/ignite-bainbridge-3-tickets-11310791883?aff=efbtt>.

BAINBRIDGE BUSINESS WOMEN

Wed., May 14, 5:30 - 7 PM

The May gathering will be hosted by Mickey Molnaire at the Bainbridge Island **Chamber of Commerce office**, 395 Winslow Way E. Free networking event; please RSVP. www.bainbridgebusinesswomen.com

BAINBRIDGE BUSINESS CONNECTION

The **BBC** meets weekly on **Friday mornings** at **OfficeXpats**, upstairs in the Pavilion, 403 Madison Ave N, Bainbridge. More info: 206-780-2177, info@officeexpats.com 7:30-9:00 AM

A free event. Info: BBC Blog at www.bainbridgechamber.com.



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KITSAP BANK PROVIDES AN "EDG3" TO SMALL BUSINESSES

\$20,000 for business with a positive impact. Applications available June 2

In celebration of Earth Day and the company's sustainability initiatives, Kitsap Bank has announced an innovative way for small businesses to gain visibility, while competing for a much-needed cash infusion. The bank will be holding a small business competition this year called "edg3 FUND™," which will award a \$20,000 cash prize for a business that is having a positive impact on the community in 3 ways: Economically, socially, and environmentally. Tony George, Kitsap Bank President and Chief Operating Officer, stated, "As a family-owned community bank, we understand the unique challenges faced by small businesses. One of the biggest barriers for entrepreneurs can be a lack of funding, and that is one of the reasons why we created edg3 FUND™."

The 6-week application period will kick off **June 2**, with public voting on the semifinalists available through social media channels and the Kitsap Bank website. "We think there are a lot of innovative businesses with creative ideas in our local market that we don't yet know," George stated. "With this competition, we hope to uncover some of these hidden gems, fund a creative, sustainable business idea, and help to take it to the next level."

Finalists will be selected by public vote to present their pitches at a live event. An independent panel of judges will determine the winner. For-profit small businesses based in Western Washington that have a positive economic, social, and environmental impact on the communities Kitsap Bank serves are encouraged to apply. The business needs to have a commitment to their idea and concept, and make the case for how the prize money will be a game-changer for the company. Visit <http://www.kitsapbank.com/edg3-fund> for more information.

Guest Article

OVER 50 AND LOOKING FOR A BUSINESS MENTOR?

The Small Business Administration Can Help

Are you over 50 and looking for your next career? New research shows that one in four people age 44 to 70 are interested in starting their own business or nonprofit in the next five to ten years.

Did you know that you are not alone? There are 76 million people over the age of 50 in the United States.

Small business ownership is a good option for many baby boomers. 15 percent of workers 45-74 are self-employed. Additionally, 13 percent of those who are current wage and salary workers say they plan to start a business once they retire.

We know training can be critical for the success of a small business. It can help folks bring their experience, knowledge and skills to a new venture, which creates exciting new opportunities and jobs.

SBA has free online courses targeted at helping encore entrepreneurs start or grow their businesses. Go online to www.sba.gov/encore to access the online training and other resources available for entrepreneurs over the age of 50.

~Calvin W. Goings, SBA Regional Administrator

Also available for business consulting:

Accelerate Kitsap

Accelerate Kitsap is a group of experienced business and professional people working to help local business owners take their companies to the next level.

They provide free business management consulting in all areas, and their clients range from start-ups to established businesses.

More information: www.acceleratekitsap.org.

NEW MEMBERS

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Years

Virginia Mason Bainbridge Island / Winslow Clinic	31	Cultural Resource Consultants, Inc.	12	Cavu Networks, LLC	5
Modern Collision Rebuild and Service	24	The Island School (K-5)	12	Dr. Mark R. Soltys / Smileworks	5
Carney-Cargill, Inc.	23	AIA/Creative Marketing and Design	10	KaveDragen Ink, LLC	5
Investment Assets Management	20	Bainbridge Leadership Center	10	Comcast Business	4
Merrill Lynch	16	United Way of Kitsap County	10	Kelly Muldrow, CCIM - Windermere	4
Fairbank Construction Company	15	Bainbridge Island Estate Caretakers	9	Commercial	4
Hockett and Olsen Automotive and Tire	15	Gilbert Thomes Jewelry	9	Bainbridge Island Museum of Art	3
Goller Grade and Gravel	14	Avalara, Inc.	8	BrandUNITY, Inc.	2
Zwicker Construction Co, Inc	14	Integrated Wellness Center, PLLC	7	Fork & Spoon	1
		St. Barnabas Episcopal Church	7	Lockett Lady Designs	1
		Tejera and Associates, LLC	7		

Guest Article

HRB'S HOMESHARE PROGRAM

"If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion." - Dalai Lama

Yesterday I actually Googled "How to get people to help people". Can you believe it? And guess what? I got some great results! One was the quote you see above, from the Dalai Lama. How can you not read that and think to yourself, "Feeling compassion for others makes everyone happy!"?

One way to feel compassion is to think about housing. The concept of housing is pretty self-explanatory yet it can mean different things to different people. To a lot of the people I talk to every day it means a place to sleep and a place to bathe, simple stuff. Some of these people are challenged in many ways, including where to live. Some work, some are unable to work. Some would like to work if they could find a job, any job. Most are just like you and me – trying to be good humans and be contributing members of society. And yet because of their challenges and barriers that may stand in their way they are unable to find a place to live.

That is where the HomeShare program comes in. This program, through the Housing Resources Board, can be just what someone needs to find safe, affordable housing – housing that works with their income level or lifestyle and sometimes allows them to exchange the rent for helping another person. Some folks choose the home sharing option – it fits their way of life and gives them the flexibility that allows them to live a certain way. Others have no choice – this is their only option right now.

But HomeShare isn't just about the home seeker. The person or family sharing their housing stands to benefit also. It's not for everyone – inviting another person into your home takes some flexibility and adaptation on the part of the home provider. Sometimes the home provider has a separate unit – an apartment above the garage or a daylight basement going unused and full of stuff that no one looks at any more! Why not put that space to good use? Let someone use it for housing while helping you with extra income, help around the yard, home maintenance, child care or any number of services you might require!

This is a program that is gaining popularity across the nation as rents escalate and availability of units declines. Some home providers use on-line classifieds or word of mouth. Those are good options for some. But HRB's HomeShare program offers another level of security by providing criminal background checks on all participants. We meet the parties, shake hands, and have a conversation. We make recommendations based on the application and the requirements of home provider and home seeker. Then we make a referral and turn the process back over to them. HRB is here to provide support in the form of sample rental agreements and suggestions for the configuration of the living situation, but the home provider and home seeker are free to make whatever arrangement works for them.

So connect to a member of our Bainbridge Island community, make an impact, pay it forward. Think of the happiness you will feel by offering housing to someone – a real tangible benefit. Think of the happiness you will provide another individual who now has a place to call home. Think about practicing compassion. ~Penny Lamping, Housing Resources Board

The mission of the Housing Resources Board is to preserve the diversity and vitality of Bainbridge Island by providing and maintaining affordable housing opportunities in the community.

NEW MEMBER PROFILE

Hana Organic Skin Care

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Skin Care



All of HANA Organic Skincare's products are handcrafted in the USA, on Bainbridge Island WA, using certified organic and Demeter Biodynamic certified ingredients. They are 100% toxin free, contain no sulfates, parabens, phthalates or perfumes, and are 100% animal cruelty free, Non-GMO project certified and gluten free.

After becoming a certified herbalist, Karen Ries created HANA Organic Skincare in 2011. The products are handmade in small batches, to assure freshness and well-monitored quality control. As a person with dry and sensitive skin (and a daughter with oily skin), it was important to develop an effective, yet very gentle skincare solution not only for herself, but for others that struggled with skin sensitivities.

The company continues to grow with the help of Natalie Berry. This year, the two of them will remain committed to their labeling standards and support of local and international charities.

MEMBER NEWS



**MEMBERS MAKING NEWS:
CHAMBER MEMBERS WIN AWARDS**

One more for **West Sound Magazine's Best of West Sound Readers' Choice Awards.**

Best Remodeler, Best of West Sound Peoples' Choice Award:
– **A Kitchen That Works (Molly McCabe)**

THE GREAT GIVE - MAY 6

The Kitsap Great Give on May 6, 2014, will be the largest day of charitable giving that the greater Kitsap area has ever experienced. This event, and the event website, are hosted by the Kitsap Community Foundation and its Presenting Partner, the United Way of Kitsap County.

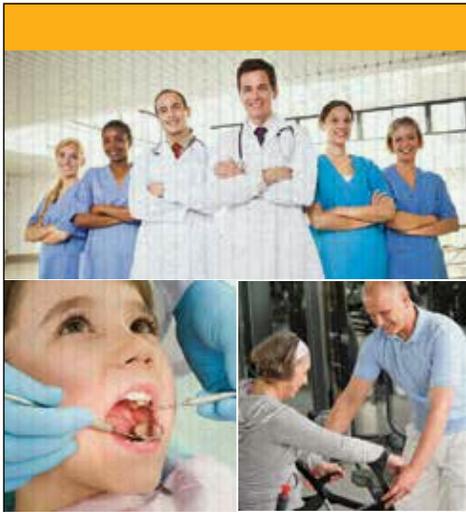
To see everyone involved, check:
www.kitsapgreatgive.org/#leaderboard

WEST SOUND ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

West Sound Academy is hosting an Open House for prospective students and parents on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 from 7 to 9 PM. West Sound Academy is an International Baccalaureate World School offering college preparatory education for grades 6-12 in Poulsbo. RSVP to Admissions Director Lisa Gsellman at lgsellman@westsoundacademy.org or call 360-598-5954.

SOUP'R BURGER NOW OPEN FOR WEEKEND BRUNCH

Soup'r Burger is now serving morning brunch on the weekends. 9 AM to noon Saturday and Sunday.



**Join Us
in Celebrating
Those Committed
to Healing and
Helping in Our
Community!**



**health
care heroes**

**NOMINATE YOUR
HEALTH CARE
HERO TODAY**

We need YOU to help us recognize those who make our community a better – and healthier – place. Join us in celebrating organizations and professionals who enhance the value and quality of health care in the region. Honorees of the Kitsap Peninsula and Mason County will be recognized at a special Health Care Heroes event on June 19, and in a special publication appearing in the Kitsap Sun and Mason County Life on June 20.

To nominate a deserving health care professional, visit kitsapsun.com/healthcareheroes. Nominations must be received by May 12, 2014.

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