



Messages from outgoing & incoming Presidents

Messages from out-going Chamber President Sandi Erskine and incoming President Pat Jacobson have some similarities.

They are encouraging Chamber members to shop locally and to encourage others to do the same.

The mission of the Eagle Point Chamber of Commerce is "to assist, promote, support and attract business to Eagle Point and the surrounding area and to encourage economic development in Eagle Point and the surrounding area."

Eagle Point and the Upper Rogue area has seen an increase in businesses, now it is up to the community to support them so they can remain open.

Pat praised Sandi for her two years of service as president. "The work she has done and the support she has given has been incredible," said Pat. "We certainly want her to continue to be very involved." She also thanked Eula Arnaud for her many years as secretary.

Chamber growth has increased from something like 30 members to over 90 members in the last two years. A website was planned, executed and functions in a profitable manner. The Chamber will soon have a presence at Harnish, complete with computer, files and phone. A newsletter was designed and has been profitable each month. Ribbon cuttings and/or grand openings have been held for just about every new business in Eagle Point, and even some in White City. Vests have arrived for those attending the various functions where the Chamber wishes to be have a presence. A regular monthly meeting location was established with board and open meetings, including a lunch. Attendance at the monthly meetings is usually upward of 35.

While Sandi did not accomplish all of these things alone, it was her leader-

ship that has made them possible.

"I will need the support and help of the members to be sure we not only continue what has been accomplished, but to continue to improve and grow," said Pat Jacobson.



Hank Rademacher & family cut ribbon to celebrate their opening in Eagle Point. See story inside.

Two successful fundraisers

The Greeters bags were distributed to 1,000 Eagle Point residents. There were 15 participants, netting the Chamber a little over \$400.

The other project is one by the Upper Rogue Independent. They developed a 14-month full color calendar, featuring photos and standard events and meetings color coded and listed for the year. In addition, there is a page of hard to find phone numbers. The calendars sell for \$4.95, with \$1 being donated to the Chamber. Thus far, ? 91 calendars have been sold.

Two members hold openings

Members of the Eagle Point Chamber of Commerce attended two grand openings/ribbon cuttings during December. The first was at La Bella Faccia, located at 209 W. Main, near the corner of Platt Street. This is the second location for owner Robbie Buckley, who also has La Bella Faccia in Grants Pass. She also has the Oregon Dermal Academy in Grants Pass.

Stop in to see their equipment and the beautiful interior. Or for information, call 830-5900.

The other ribbon cutting was for Hank Rademacher and his new location for Country Financial in Eagle Point. Hank is a 1985 graduate of Eagle Point High School. His office is in the back of Jackson County Physical Therapy, also an Eagle Point Chamber member. Hank has the ability to handle many of your financial needs including insurance of all kinds, annuities, long term care and he would be happy to talk to you about retirement planning.

Two new officers elected

Chamber members were asked to vote on two positions for the coming year: Office of President elect and office of Secretary.

The President-elect is Bob Pinnell, State Farm Insurance and the Secretary will be Nancy Leonard, Upper Rogue Independent.

Pat Jacobson is assuming the office of President, having been Presidentelect.

Sandi Erskine, manager of the Eagle Point branch of PremierWest is the outgoing President and Eula Arnaud is the outgoing secretary.

Pat is looking for volunteers for various committees. Be prepared to offer your services at the Jan. 5 meeting. It takes all of us doing a little, not a few doing a lot, to serve our business community.

Standing Committees include: Membership, Economic Development, Web, Flag, Greeters and By-Laws.

According to the by-laws, there are two appointed officers. They are public relations and parliamentarian, appointed by the president and approved by the members. These are one-year terms.

SV Bank to host in January

South Valley Bank will host the first meeting of 2009, which will be Monday, Jan. 5 at the Ashpole Center.

The February meeting will be held at LaQuinta in White City. This meeting will be held at LaQuinta.

Each meeting is hosted by one or Chamber members. If you would like to host or go together with another business, please make your intentions known at the January meeting.

The menu can vary, but generally there are small sandwiches, a salad, perhaps veggies or fruit, water and/or a beverage and something simple for desert. But it is possible to bring a prepared soup, biscuit and/or cornbread, veggies and dessert. The menu is strictly up to the host or hostess. Attendance can be as many as 35.

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Partnership with Embarq brings new computer

The Eagle Point Chamber of Commerce is extremely pleased to report that Embarq has become a very good community partner. Work done by Chamber President Sandra Erskine, Embark representative Todd Gschwend, Embarq Marketing Executive, and Eagle Point City Administrator, Dave Hussell, will soon culminate in the Chamber having a presence at Harnish Wayside.

But that presence will go far be-

yond just having member information and brochures at the location. It means we our telephone will be located there for the city employees to answer and fulfill the requests and it means the Chamber of Commerce was given a brand new computer, all thanks to Embarq.

The computer is a Toshiba Laptop Vista Satellite L 3505 with some of the latest capabilities. It will enable the Chamber to keep improved records and

communicate in a professional manner with those wanting information.

As reported previously, the Chamber will pay the city \$1,500 annually for a presence at Harnish. For those dollars, city staff will answer questions and act as a Chamber office. The Chamber is waiting for the final signed contract from the city and the completed phone connection to be fully operational at Harnish.

New members

The Eagle Point Chamber of Commerce welcomes two new members: the Red Lunch Box Express and Mike Radcliffe, Upper Rogue Counseling.

Red Lunch Box is owned by Dawn Kinert Castro. It is located downtown at 111 W. Main. They deliver lunch in a very clever red lunch box and are known not only for their lunches but for their delicious cookies. Deliveries are made from noon to 2 p.m. no charge and with no minimum order. They also cater business lunches. For more information, call 941-5635.

Mike Radcliffe is a licensed clinical social worker with Upper Rogue Counseling. He can be reached at 941-7169.

Many hands make less work

Members need to step forward to make the Eagle Point Chamber of Commerce a successful organization. With over 90 members, less than 10 take an active role, said Sandi Erskine.

If members would volunteer just a small amount of time, think what could be accomplished. "Please step forward. We all need to be involved," urged Sandi. "The Chamber is an organization for all of us, not just for a handful."

Ambassador vests are here

Pat Jacobson reports the Ambassador vests have arrived. At this point she is handling distribution as events come up. They will be on display at our January 5 meeting.

Visit the Eagle Point Chamber at www.eaglepointchamber.org

We appreciate the dedication and service provided by outging President Sandi Erskine

Through her leadership we have grown and become a real service to the community!

We also appreciate the years of service as secretary from Eula Arnaud.

many thanks to both of you Nancy & Kathy Upper Roque Independent

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