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Letter from the President



Many people and business owners have mixed feelings about Social Media. We have so much information and opinions at our finger tips. This is mostly a good thing for our businesses but can also be damaging if negative messages and poor reviews are being posted. People feel free to exercise the 1st amendment but sometimes do not account for the feelings of others. One thing that I have found is that Kingston is a great place, loved and shared even on social media in a positive light by many. These are just a few things I've found that people are saying about Kingston:

"I was headed back to Seattle on the Kingston - Edmonds, WA ferry a couple weeks ago and lucked out arriving in the ferry line just as the sun was setting. I didn't realize you could actually see Seattle from there! Of course Mount Rainier looked pretty awesome too".

"One of the most colorful and joyful weddings I have ever attended! It was a full day surrounded by tradition, family and friends from close and far away, that came to be part of Hima and Daniel's most special day, June 11th in Kingston, WA. Two ceremonies, amazing food, gorgeous wedding details that were put together by a lot of local creative and crafty hands, and a fantastic venue with lavender fields - what can I say, everything was just dreamy."

"Celebrating love and life in Kingston WA with my beauties. Thank you Creator."

"We stopped by today visiting from Oregon. The staff was so friendly and courteous. The Americanos we ordered were beyond amazing. Thank you for a wonderful experience!" - Cup of Muffin

"A lot of people would be having an empty Christmas Tree or no tree at all, without the generous support of our community. Please thank Country Pet Shoppe, John L. Scott, Kingston Lumber, Kitsap Bank, Columbia Bank, Benchmark Automotive, Kingston Fitness, Kingston Crossing, Wolfe Elementary School, Gordon Elementary School, Henery Hardware, and Kingston Food Mart for hosting food barrels or gift barrels for our Christmas Gift Shop."

"Lordy, Lordy! This is my GO TO PLACE for EVERYTHING! Something for everyone of all ages. If you have a few minutes or loads of time, drop by Clever gift shop. Next door (at Lucky Star) she will help you with all your gift shopping too! Momma's day is just around the corner!! Come in and spoil your Momma, they have it all!!"

"We love the Bryants! They have been long time customers of ours and we are excited to be able to shop at their business just down the road in Kingston!!!"

Regards,
Shelby Nelson
GKCoC President 2016
The Point Casino Sales & Events

SUPPORT STUDENTS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES DINE OUT SEPT. 8TH

by Shannon Singleton and Mary Bryant

North Kitsap Schools Foundation is having its most popular event of the year, Dine Out for NK Schools, on Thursday, Sept. 8. This is the fifth year for the fundraiser, which invites community members to dine out all day at participating eateries in Kingston, Suquamish and Poulsbo. Restaurants donate a portion of the day's proceeds to the foundation.

North Kitsap Schools Foundation is a non-profit organization that brings the community together to help fund the best possible learning opportunities for all North Kitsap students. During the past 4 years, NKSF has awarded more than \$170,000 in grants to NKSD teachers and schools to provide enriched learning for our students. Nearly \$80,000 during 2015-2016 purchased technology, educational materials, software, field trips and teacher training to support Science, Career and Technical Education, Social Studies, Reading, Math and Music/Art instruction, to name a few. Thanks to community support and partnerships with NKSF, KHS Advanced Placement Chemistry classes used new, hand-held computers to gather and graph data during experiments. Incoming 6th graders to KMS will explore hands-on science and technology at the Pacific Science Center on a fall field trip. Gordon Elementary teachers received training in techniques to help students self-manage emotions and problem solve social situations.

Be part of the community-wide effort to support an exceptional education for NK students. On Sept. 8th, dine out at these Kingston locations: Filling Station, Grub Hut, Mora Iced Creamery, Puerto Vallarta and Westside Pizza. For a complete list of participating restaurants in North Kitsap and for more information on ways to support the North Kitsap Schools Foundation, visit www.nkschoolsfoundation.org.

Chamber Luncheon • Thursday, September 1st

At White Horse Golf Club at 11:45am

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**The Program: Kitsap's Economy is Booming
What are you doing to Manage the Blast?**

A Panel Presentation featuring
Financial Advisor, Bim Prince
Attorney, Isaac Anderson
Insurance Broker, Doug Ferguson
Mortgage Broker, Mike Haley
Real Estate Brokers, Jane & Sonny Woodward



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GOLF CLUB

Gluten & Dairy Free Options Available
Register & Pay online at KingstonChamber.com
Or Call 360-297-3813 to reserve your spot
\$15 with reservations / \$20 at the door

SEPTEMBER AFTER HOURS

Thur. 9/8/16, 5-7pm

Kingston-NK
Rotary
Club



**At the Rotary Beer Garden
Port of Kingston Tent**

Please join us for great networking, delicious appetizers and beverages, give-aways & more!

After Hours is a free event for chamber members and their guests

SAVE THE DATES!

Thursday, OCT. 6, 2016
Kingston Chamber Lunch

Featured Speaker
Congressman
Derek Kilmer
The Point Casino

Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016
Chamber After Hours

At Elisha's
Family Acupuncture

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