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A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT, SHELBY NELSON

While compared to some in this community I have only lived in the Kingston and Hansville area for a short time, 11 years. By comparison to the many community members I have met, 11 years is a fraction to how deep their roots go into the region. My husband's family has been in the Kingston, Bainbridge and Hansville area since the early 1940's. When I moved out here with my husband and his family, I immediately fell in love with the community, the people and the beautiful North Kitsap area! I am enthusiastic, excited and proud to be the 2016 Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce President. I have worked for The Point Casino for several years and in working for the Casino, I have been privileged to unite with the Kingston Chamber and many local business owners. It is my goal in 2016 as Chamber President, to bring together local businesses, community leaders and our Board of Executives.

It used to be that businesses just automatically joined their local Chamber of Commerce. As a business owner, that is what you did. Chambers supported local business on a community, networking and governmental level. The Chamber had a job to advocate on behalf of the Business Community. However in the last decade the face of many Chambers has changed, some lean more to the community side of things, some focus heavily on tourism, others are strictly business and business development. So where does that leave The Greater Kingston Chamber? We are right in the middle which is a good place to be!

Our Chamber has a long standing tradition of promoting and supporting businesses of all sizes from The Point Casino to the home-based "mom & pop" shop. We want to continue this tradition and find new ways to increase outreach to the community. We continue to make strides in new membership and member retention and we provide many opportunities for members to connect with one another including the popular Business After Hours and Luncheons.

I am excited to announce my forecast that 2016 is going to be a great year for Kingston Businesses and the Community. We are planning a lot of exciting new events and look to make our much loved current events even bigger and better! We're expanding partnerships with Kingston's schools and other service organizations to enhance understanding, participation and cooperation for the good of the whole. The Kingston Chamber Board of Directors has a lot of energy coming out of 2015, and we intend to continue the energy through 2016-2017.

To our many members, thank you for your continued support of our great organization. To our non-members I encourage you to find out more about joining the Chamber and the many benefits it offers your business or discovering ways to get more involved as a member.

Shelby Nelson

GKCoC President 2016

MEMBERSPOTLIGHT

Barb MacIntyre & Kitsap Weaving School

Weaving has roots going back so far that no one can pinpoint exactly when or where it began—but it's been around for thousands of years. And while nowadays most fabrics are factory made, students of Barb MacIntyre's Kitsap Weaving School, are keeping the ancient craft of hand-weaving alive. With over 40 years of weaving experience and great passion for the art, Barb began teaching others the craft in 1978. Today she works with all ages and levels of experience at her classroom in the Brookdale Montclair Park Senior Living Center in Poulsbo.

What began as a recreational activity to enhance social interaction, engage the mind, and increase stamina and range of motion for residents has evolved into a comprehensive set of classes open to the public. Among the many options available to students are a 6 Week Beginning & Intermediate Weaving class, and periodic 1 day Workshops focusing on various aspects of the art such as Color & Design or a specific weave structure. See the website for dates and times or contact Barb at bmacintyre@kitsapweavingschool.com or (360) 860-2366. www.KitsapWeavingSchool.com



*Photo by Johnny Walker, Almost Candid Photography.
Instructor Barbara MacIntyre (center) poses with seniors
Kathleen Sproule (left) and Audrey Klein (right)*

Chamber Business Lunch • Thursday, Feb. 4

White Horse Golf Club 11:45am-1pm

Featuring the Dynamic and Inspirational Speaker, Author
and Soul-Savvy Samurai - Lori Tsugawa Whaley

~ The road to success through the code of Bushido ~

Lori is a honors grad, certified Life Coach and a contributing author to the books: Your Ultimate Sales Force, The Woman's Book of Empowerment & Confidence, and Baby Boomers: Secrets for Life After 50! In 2015, Lori published her book, The Courage of a Samurai. The book is inspirational and historical and guides the reader to live an extraordinary life by applying the Code of Bushido (Way of the Warrior) to their lives. Signed copies of her book will be available for purchase.



February's lunch is being held at White Horse Golf Club

Gluten Free options are available.

For reservations call or email Colleen at

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or pay in advance online at www.kingstonchamber.com/joinus

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ATTENTION MEMBERS!

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT!
It's time again for the Greater Kingston &
Greater Poulsbo Chambers

ANNUAL JOINT CHAMBER AFTERHOURS

Thursday, February 11, 5-7pm
at

THE POINT
CASINO



This event is FREE for members of the
Poulsbo & Kingston Chambers

SAVE THE DATES!

Thursday, March 3rd

Chamber
Business Lunch

The Point Casino

Thursday, March 10th

Chamber
After Hours

The Latitude 48 Group



At Kingston

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