Chamber and CMU Team Up To Offer Scholarships

The Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce and Colorado Mesa University including its two-year division, Western Colorado Community College, have announced an innovative partnership to help local businesses assist employees in furthering their education.

The Grand Junction Chamber Workforce Development Scholarship, equal to 25% of in-state tuition for up to six credit hours per semester, is aimed at aiding local employers and helping to grow the collective skill set of the region’s workforce. The scholarship is open to all employers in the CMU service area regardless of whether they are members of the Chamber or not and will help workers upgrade and update their skills.

“At CMU, we’re constantly looking for ways to partner with the community and improve the educational attainment of the region,” said Tim Foster, president of CMU. “We’re very proud that we can bring this scholarship program to the community.”

As part of the partnership, employers may sponsor employees in expanding their skills through courses taken at CMU and WCCC, including courses offered in Montrose, during the 2014-15 academic year.

“Many employers that previously offered tuition assistance as a benefit to employees have been forced to cut back due to economic conditions and rising health insurance costs,” said Diane Schwenke, president and CEO of the Grand Junction Area Chamber. “This program gives employers the flexible assistance they need to invest in ongoing education for their workers, which benefits them, their employees and the community.”

For complete details and to sign up, visit gjchamber.org/forms/WorforceDevScholarship071814.pdf or call Kris Calvin in the CMU Admissions Office at 970.248.1458. Please note that scholarship applications for the fall semester are due to the Chamber by August 11th.

Interested in Serving on the Chamber Board?

The Nominating Committee of the Chamber Board of Directors is currently in the process of selecting a slate of new proposed directors to present to the membership and current Chamber Board for approval. There are five slots on the Board currently up for election this fall. Those selected will represent a cross section of the membership and their single four-year terms will begin January 1, 2015. Board members are expected to attend monthly Board meetings, serve as liaisons to other Chamber committees and attend as many Chamber functions as possible in order to stay in close contact with the membership they represent.

Anyone interested in serving is invited to submit a letter of interest by August 19th to the Chamber office, 360 Grand Ave., 81501. (If you have previously submitted a letter of interest there is no need to send another one unless you want to update it. Chamber staff keeps these on file from year to year). Letters should outline previous Chamber involvement and how the member is uniquely qualified to fulfill the requirements of a Chamber Board member.
Chairman’s Column
by Greg Motz

About the time you are reading this column, area students will be headed back to District 51 classrooms so it is fitting that I take a few minutes to discuss briefly what the Chamber is doing in terms of promoting education and workforce development in the Valley. It is one of our top priorities and we’ve made great strides this year under the leadership of Future Workforce Committee Chairman Nina Anderson and Vice Chairman Grady Busse.

Many, if not most of you, are aware of our Young Entrepreneurs’ Academy that helps students become CEOs and there is an update about the program elsewhere in the newsletter so the only thing I will say is THANK YOU to our members who help sponsor, mentor, volunteer and assist us in making that program work for middle and high school students.

There are also two new programs rolling out of the Future Workforce Committee. The first is one the committee, in close cooperation with School District 51 and the Mesa County Workforce Center, has been developing since late last year. The “Hire Me First” program will be piloted at Central High School this fall and is aimed at helping high school students become more workplace ready. Students can enroll for elective credit or simply sign up to participate. They will then be required to complete work keys testing in twelve areas, conduct career exploration independently and complete a career focus paper along with doing a presentation before employers, attending workshops aimed at the “soft skills” that are needed to be successful in the workforce and cap it off with six hours of job shadowing at an area business. It is anticipated that students will complete the program over two years but they can accelerate the process at their discretion. Once all requirements have been met, they will be issued a “Hire Me First” certificate that they can show to employers indicating their employability. We as business people can help with this program by being sites for the job shadowing experience and committing to use the Hire Me First certification in our recruiting and hiring practices. I need to publicly thank Grady Busse, Action Publishing, who has donated the development and materials needed by students as they take this journey...that went above and beyond what is expected of a committee member.

The second program is the Chamber Workforce Development Scholarship developed in partnership with Colorado Mesa University. This program will allow you to send your employees “back to school” to learn new skills or upgrade new ones at a significant savings of 25% to you and your employees. Certain restrictions apply but this a great partnership between employers and higher education in this Valley and I hope many of you take advantage of it.

In addition to the Future Workforce Committee I would be remiss if I also did not point out the fine work of a sister organization to the Chamber, the Mesa County Business Education Foundation. Their 500 Plan is currently seeking volunteers to help third and fourth graders improve their reading and comprehension scores.

All of these programs would not be possible without the cooperation and collaboration that exists between entities such as CMU, Mesa County Workforce Center, School District 51 and the Chamber. This is a community that can achieve great things when we all work together, particularly when it comes to business and education.

Greg Motz, Chairman
Energy Briefing: How Do Coloradans See Energy Development - A Discussion

There will be a number of ballot initiatives dealing with Energy Development on November’s ballot. Join industry experts as they discuss the background, polling and potential outcomes of these initiatives.

Wednesday, August 13, 2014
12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM
Grand Junction Police Department
555 Ute Ave, 2nd Floor Conference Room

$15/per person GJACC Members


Company Name: ___________________________________________________________

Attending (Names): ________________________________________________________________________________________

Contact Name: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________ Fax: ___________________ E-Mail: ____________________________

Authorized Signature: __________________________________________________________

Four convenient ways to register: (Space is limited so register early)
Mail: GJ Area Chamber, 360 Grand Ave., GJ, CO 81501 Phone: (970) 242-3214
Fax: (970) 242-3694 Online: www.gjchamber.org

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YEA! Update

The second Young Entrepreneurs’ Academy begins in September and staff has spent the summer soliciting program sponsors, students and presenters. The official deadline for submitting applications by middle and high school students was July 31st. As of the newsletter deadline, the following students have been accepted pending their confirmation:

Zach Andrus
Michael Ash
McKenna Chism
Adam Clifford
Jacqueline Cole
Lindsey Garchar
Megan Garchar
Dalton Neely
Michael Smith
Dean Van Winkle

We wish to thank our program partners Western Colorado Community College, School District 51, Mesa County Workforce Center and Business Incubator Center. And, of course we could not do this without our program sponsors. They include:

Presenting Sponsor:
City of Grand Junction

Premier Sponsors:
CAPCO
Home Loan
Mesa County Workforce Center

Scholarship Sponsor:
Mesa County Business Education Foundation

Investor Panel Sponsors:
Alpine Bank
Community Banks
Mesa County Valley School District 51
StarTek
The Redstone Group
US Bank

Contributors:
Cranium 360

If you are interested in being a sponsor or volunteer for the program, please contact Betsy (bbair@gjchamber.org) for a list of positions we need filled.

Join 500 Plan NOW!

School is back in session so now is the perfect time to make the commitment to become a 500 Plan volunteer. Volunteers give just one hour per week in eight week segments to work one on one with an elementary student. Test scores have shown that this one extra hour a week working with a community volunteer does work in helping students achieve proficiency. Background checks are required (we cover the costs) and a two hour training session is provided.

The students of Mesa County need all of us to work together on their behalf. It is easy to sign up. Simply email us (bbair@gjchamber.org) and we will forward your name to District 51 to get the ball rolling. To view more information about the program go to the Chamber website, www.gjchamber.org and click on 500 Plan.

Small Business Development Resources Summit

Presented by SCORE

Tuesday, August 19, 2014
10:30–12:30
Colorado Mesa University
University Center, 2nd floor, Room 213

Presentations will be made by:
Congressman Scott Tipton
SCORE
Colorado Mesa University
Grand Junction Business Incubator Center
Mesa County Workforce Center
Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce
Grand Junction Economic Partnership
Small Business Administration

Please RSVP to Andrea Garner
andrea.garner@score.org
or
703-487-3664
Health Care Summit for Employers

August 19, 2014
Mesa County Workforce Center
7:00 AM Breakfast
7:30 AM to 11:00 AM Program
$15 Chamber Members / $25 Prospective Members

The Chamber’s Business Health Care Committee is hosting a workshop for businesses interested in learning more about options for providing health insurance and health care services to their employees. Topics covered include:

• Apples to Apples—Comparing Plan Costs and Features
• Navigating the Small Business Exchange
• Guiding Employees to Make Better Health Care Choices
• Creative Options for Employee Health Care

Health Care Summit For Employers - August 19, 2014

Company Name: ________________________________

Attendee Name (s): ______________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________ Fax: ___________________ E-Mail: _________________

Method of Payment: _____ Invoice My Chamber Account: _____ Check Enclosed _____

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Brag To Us!

The Chamber absolutely LOVES to spread positive economic news and celebrate business accomplishments. That is why we are asking you to tell us about any recent business expansions you’ve had in terms of increased employment or capital expenditures. In exchange for you telling us about your business expansion we will buy you lunch at our next Quarterly Luncheon on September 22nd, present you with a hammer of progress to hang proudly on your wall and acknowledge your accomplishment in Chamber publications. All you have to do is pick up the phone and call us at 970.242.3214 or email diane@gjchamber.org. Give us the name of your company, the nature of your expansion and the name of who will be present to accept the award at our luncheon on September 22nd!

Promote Your Business!

A golf tournament may sound like just a great networking opportunity on a Friday in late September when the weather is spectacular, but you can also use it to promote your business! Where else can you put your business brand/name in front of 200 business professionals from around the Grand Valley during a time when they are relaxed and open to the power of suggestion? Consider donating an item (with your name on it of course) to the Chamber’s golf goody bags. We will need about 200 items by September 15th. Think golf balls, towels, markers, tees, sunscreen, snacks (tip: patronize a fellow Chamber member grocery and then paste your name on the items) you get the idea.

Want to up your profile even further? Consider donating a prize, sponsoring a hole or nabbing one of the special sponsorships still available. For more information or to let us know to reserve space for your item in the goody bags, contact Shari Milholland (sharim@gjchamber.org) or 970.263.2919.

Upcoming YPN Events

YPN Before Hours
August 6, 2014 | 7:30 AM
Location: Einstein Bros. Bagels
Join YPN members for this monthly morning networking event. Piping hot coffee or tea, with a little mix and mingle. What a great way to start your business day.

YPN Pub Crawl Fundraiser
August 9, 2014 | 1:00 - 6:00 PM
Join the Young Professionals Network of Mesa County for the ultimate downtown Pub Crawl. Prizes will include, gift cards from local restaurants, downtown gift cards, bar swag and more. All participating venues are guaranteeing discounts for our crew. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the United Way of Mesa County!

YPN After Hours
August 21, 2014 | 5:00 pm
Location: Bostons The Gourmet Pizza

YPN Before Hours
September 3, 2014 | 7:30 AM
Location: TBD

YPN After Hours
September 18, 2014 | 5:00 pm
Location: Buffalo Wild Wings

All of the events are posted on the YPN website at www.ypnmc.org and on the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ypnmc.

Member Referral Program

Help Us Grow Your Chamber
When you refer a company who becomes a member of the Chamber, we will extend our gratitude for each referral by giving you $25 in Chamber Bucks.

Contact Trisha Martinez at trisha@gjchamber.org or 242-3214 for details.
Anti-Discrimination in Employment

As an employer you need to know:

- Basics of Colorado employment discrimination
- The definition of discriminatory harassment and discrimination
- Rights and responsibilities of employers and employees
- Recent changes in Colorado legislation which expand the remedies allowed to the successful anti-discrimination in employment litigant

Thursday, September 16, 2014
7:30 - 9:30 AM
Mesa County Workforce Center
512 29 1/2 Rd
No Cost To Attend / Please RSVP

Presented by:
Frances McDonald
Colorado Civil Rights Division

Anti-Discrimination in Employment - September 16, 2014

Company Name: ____________________________________________
Attending (Names): ____________________________________________
Contact Name: ________________________________________________
Phone: ___________________ Fax: ___________________ E-Mail: ___________________
Authorized Signature: _____________________________________________

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Health Care Summit Offers "News To Use"

Many businesses in the Grand Valley, particularly those with less than 50 employees and a renewal date of January 1st, chose to renew their health insurance plans early in 2013 to avoid having to deal with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. After "kicking the can down the road" for a year these businesses are now faced with some tough choices regarding what to do next in terms of providing health benefits for their employees...or if they should even offer these benefits at all.

In order to give small businesses some options and a place to start when addressing this business issue the Chamber’s Business Health Care Committee is hosting a Health Care Summit, sponsored by Rocky Mountain Health Plans and St. Mary’s Hospital on Tuesday, August 19th, 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM at the Mesa County Workforce Center with breakfast beginning at 7:00 AM.

With a combination of formal presentations and informal networking with health care related exhibitors, participants will leave the event with information they can use to make informed decisions in coming months.

The formal program will include the following topics:

- Comparing Plan Costs and Features
- The Role Of A Broker
- Navigating the Small Business Exchange
- Helping Employees Manage Costs, a panel presentation that includes a presentation by a primary care physician, a wellness coach, and a demonstration of the Center for Improving Value in Health Care Database of costs of health care
- Options beyond traditional small group health insurance, another panel that looks at a membership model for primary care services, a partially self insured plan and the public assistance programs that employees can access.

Registration for Chamber members, which includes a full breakfast catered by the Cowboy and the Rose, is $15. If you are interested in being an exhibitor or to register as an attendee, go to the Chamber website, www.gjchamber.org.

Cash Mobs Scheduled For August And September

On behalf of the Chamber and Callie at The Baker’s Boutique we want to thank everyone who participated in our first ever cash mob on July 16th. Callie reported that she did almost five and a half times the business she does on a normal Wednesday in the summer. In fact she ran out of cupcakes a couple of hours before closing proving that if we each do a little we do a lot to help local businesses.

Based on that spectacular launch we have scheduled our next two cash mobs:

- **August 20th: Johnson’s House of Flowers**
  One of our oldest businesses. This is your chance to pick up an item or a flower and show someone you care!

- **September 17th: Alida’s on Main Street**
  There will still be produce available but check out everything else that Farmer Bob stocks and buy a treat or a trinket for you or a friend!

To participate, simply stop by these fine businesses on the date shown above during regular business hours and buy something for around $10 or less. When you check out please tell the cashier you are with the Chamber cash mob so we can show once again the impact of these events. We could not do it without you so mark your calendars and join us!
Quarterly Membership Luncheon/Candidate Forum

Before casting your ballot, become an educated voter by making plans to join us as we get to know the candidates and learn about their perspectives on business.

Date: September 22, 2014
12:00 Noon

Location: DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton
743 Horizon Dr

Cost: $18/person GJACC Members
$23/person General Admission

Quarterly Membership Luncheon/Candidate Forum - September 22, 2014

Company Name: ____________________________________________________________

Attending (Names): ________________________________________________________

Contact Name: ____________________________________________________________

Phone: _____________________ Fax: _____________________ E-Mail: __________________

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Grand Junction, CO 81505
Bret Pomrenke - (970) 242-1566
www.appletonclinics.com
Medical Services

**AT&T**
188 Inverness Dr West
Englewood, CO 80112
Nate Zager - (303) 809-9850
www.att.com
Telecommunications/Long Distance

**Blue Moose BBQ & Grill**
2839 North Ave
Grand Junction, CO 81501
Nicole Montoya - (970) 243-4300
Restaurants

**Candlewood Suites - Parachute**
233 Grand Valley Way
Parachute, CO 81635
Tammy Patton - (970) 285-9880
www.ihg.com/candlewood
Hotels/Motels

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Grand Junction, CO 81505
Amy Milyard - (970) 778-7966
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Grand Junction, CO 81505
Kevin MacVittie - (877) 776-4625
www.goalac.org
Education

**Hotel Colorado**
526 Pine St,
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
Kaylyn Stewart - (970) 945-6511
www.hotelcolorado.com
Hotels/Motels

**Hotel Telluride**
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Grand Junction, CO 81505
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Grand Junction, CO 81505
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www.raisenglaze.com
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Peggy Barron
(970) 241-2949
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Grand Junction, CO 81505
Lisa Case
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www.valleysurgicalcare.com
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**Member Blog**
- Check out the blog for advice, tips, tricks, and more.

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- Cross-channel analytics delivered in real time. A $30-$500 per month value.
**GJACC Events Registration Form: August, September & October 2014**

- YPN Before Hours - 8/6
- YPN Pub Crawl - 8/9
- Energy Briefing - 8/13
- Health Care Summit - 8/19
- Networking at Noon - 8/20
- YPN After Hours - 8/21
- Business After Hours - 8/26
- YPN Before Hours - 9/3
- Energy Briefing - 9/10
- Anti-Discrimination Seminar - 9/16
- Networking at Noon - 9/17
- Business at Breakfast - 9/18
- YPN After Hours - 9/18
- Quarterly Luncheon - 9/22
- Golf Tournament - 9/26
- Business After Hours - 9/30
- Golf Tournament - 9/26
- Business After Hours - 9/30
- Networking at Noon - 10/15
- Business Showcase - 9/28
- YPN After Hours - 10/30

Company Name: ____________________________  Contact Person: ____________________________

Attending (Names): _________________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________  Fax: __________________      Email: ___________

Payment Method:  ☐ Bill my Chamber Account   ☐ Check Enclosed

☐ Charge my MC/VISA/Discover/AMEX  #__________________________  Exp Date ________

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RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS

BeeHive Homes of Grand Junction
2395 H Rd, Grand Junction, CO 81505 | (970) 549-6554 (Assisted Living)
"Quality Assisted Living in a residential setting." - New Business

Brown’s Cremation Service
562 W Crete Circle Ste 101, Grand Junction, CO 81505
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New Business

Grand Junction Funeral Home
1022 Grand Ave, Grand Junction, CO 81501
(970) 549-1114 (Mortuary/Funeral Homes) “Under new ownership, family owned funeral home with affordable pricing.” - New Owners/Grand Opening

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744 Horizon Ct Ste 100, Grand Junction, CO 81506
(800) 873-7242 (Insurance)
New Location

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2905 Patterson Rd Ste 102, Grand Junction, CO 81504
(970) 434-8711 (Tanning) “Full service tanning salon & spa”
Business Expansion
21st Annual Golf Tournament
Friday, September 26, 2014
The Golf Club at Redlands Mesa

Corporate Team 4-Some $600
Includes 1 Hole Sponsorship. Double shotgun format: 7:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. (Preferred time is on first come basis) Includes cart, green fees, lunch, two drinks during the course of play and award dinner. Your company will be recognized in all online and hard copy Chamber publications.

Individual Player $110

Beverage Cart Sponsorship $500
One 2-some golf package. Your logo and name prominently displayed on beverage carts. Your company will be recognized in the tournament program and all online and hard copy Chamber publications.

Golf Cart Sponsorship $700
Your company name prominently displayed on a sign placed on each golf cart. Your company will be recognized in all online and hard copy Chamber publications.

Hole Sponsorship $200
Your company name prominently displayed on a sign placed at either a tee box or green for the duration of the tournament. Your company will be recognized in all online and hard copy Chamber publications.

Swag Bag Sponsorship:
Sponsor to provide 250 items to be placed in goody bags for golfers. Your company is also mentioned in the tournament program, follow-up publicity in the Chamber newsletter and The Daily Sentinel.

Range Ball Sponsorship $400
One individual player. Inclusion in all event marketing. Your company name and logo prominently displayed near range ball machine and on driving range. Your company will be recognized in all online and hard copy Chamber publications.

Keg Sponsorship (2 available) SOLD
One individual player. Your company name prominently displayed on a sign placed at either a tee box or green for the duration of the tournament. Your company will be recognized in the tournament program and all online and hard copy Chamber publications. Sponsorship includes cost of one domestic beer keg.

Dinner Sponsorship $400
One 2-some golf package. Your company name prominently displayed on a sign placed in clubhouse during duration of dinner. Your company will be recognized in the tournament program and all online and hard copy Chamber publications.

Prize Sponsorship:
(Items valued at $45 or more)
Prizes to be given for Longest Drive, Longest Putt, and Closest to the Pin. Your company will be recognized in the tournament program and all online and hard copy Chamber publications.

**Golf Tournament sponsorships are offered on a first-paid, first-served basis**

Select from the following sponsorship choices:

- Corporate Team - $600
- Beverage Cart - $500
- Range Ball - $400
- Dinner - $400
- Swag Bag (250 items)
- Individual Player - $110
- Hole - $200
- Keg - $400
- Golf Cart - $700
- Prize ($45+ value)

Business Name:____________________________________________________________________________________
Contact Person (Team Player 1):___________________________________________ Phone:______________________
Player 2:_____________________ Player 3:_______________________Player 4:_______________________________

- Early Bird Tee Time 7:30 a.m. (sign-in 6:30-7:30 a.m. with continental breakfast)
- Afternoon Tee Time 1 p.m. (sign-in 12:00-1:00 p.m. with hot dogs & drinks)

**Cart, green fees and two beverages included for all golfers**

Number of Additional Dinner Guests Attending ($15/person)_______________

- Enclosed Check $____________________
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Authorized Signature_________________________________________ email:_________________________________

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FAX: 970-242-3694 * TEL: 970-242-3214 * EMAIL:sharim@gjchamber.org

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Announcing the 2014-2015 Mesa County Leadership Class

The Grand Junction Area Chamber is proud to sponsor the Mesa County Leadership program. The program provides a comprehensive look at various unique aspects that form our community, including local government, public lands, health care, education and human services. The program spans ten months and more than 70 hours of interactive learning for participants chosen to be in the class. Classes are coordinated by local community leaders.

Since 1991 the class has graduated over 225 individuals, some of which have gone on to serve on non-profit boards and run for public office.

The following individuals have been chosen to participate in the next Mesa County Leadership program which starts in September and continues through May of 2015:

Alyssa Austin - Partners
Ken Brownlee - Brownlee Appraisal Services, Inc.
Kelsi Donohue - Ute Water Conservancy District
Jennifer Fogarty - Kolorado Resources
Taylor Grant - Cranium 360
Alyssa Hampson - HopeWest
Shaver Hansen - Home Loan & Investment Co
Carolee Hawkins - Alpine Bank Grand Junction
Christian Herrera - KREX-TV | KREY-TV | KREG-TV | KFQX-TV | KGJT-TV
Benjamin Hoffman - Ute Water Conservancy District
Peter Icenogle - Blythe Group + Co
Clay Marshall - FCI Constructors, Inc.
Jaime Martinez - Dalby, Wendland & Co., P.C.
Nicole Millican - ANB Bank - Downtown
Carmen Moyer - St. Mary’s Hospital Foundation
Matt Price - State Farm Insurance - Matt Price
Nathan Rhodes - Servpro of Grand Junction
Jodi Romero - Grand Junction City Government
Frank Whidden - Mesa County Administration
Trevor Wickersham - Hilltop Community Resources
Peggy Wilson - US Bank Clifton

The Montrose Chamber of Commerce hosted the 2nd Annual Western Slope Chamber Executive Meeting on July 29 at the Bridges Golf Course & Country Club. Topics discussed were 2014 ballot initiatives, oil & gas, member dues structure, member retention, industry trends, and events and fundraisers.

Pictured L to R - Top row - Stephanie Kobald (Meeker), Frank Ladd (Rifle), Diane Schwenke (Grand Junction), Dena Guttridge (Cortez), Juliann Adams (Palisade), Brad McCloud (Delta), Joni Bates (Glenwood), Tammy Scott (Gunnison). Bottom row - Jack Llewellyn (Durango), Jenni Sopsic (Montrose), Andrea Stewart (Carbondale), and Kristin Steele (Rangely).

U.S. Chamber is NOT Us!

As the political season heats up, the Chamber office has received several calls expressing dismay at the U.S. Chamber’s efforts to oust tea party candidates and advance an immigration reform bill along with questions asking if that reflects the Grand Junction Chamber position as well.

It is important to note that the U.S. Chamber is simply an organization that your local Chamber belongs to. We are not in any way bound to follow their lead on issues or candidates and their policies are not always in line with your local chamber’s policies and positions.

However, on several business issues that matter to us, including the ongoing business regulatory climate and the federal efforts aimed at hampering energy development we do agree and sometimes jointly advocate. That is why we continue our membership which is about fifty cents per member based on the current dues we pay.

If anyone has further questions about this relationship, we urge you to call and talk with Diane or Betsy in the office.
Business Showcase 2014

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
4:00 - 7:30 PM
Two Rivers Convention Center

Booth - $385/Member or $685/Non-Member
Endcap - $485/Member or $755 Non-Member

Register online at www.gjchamber.org

2014 Business Showcase Booth Registration

Booth Details: Check all boxes that apply to your registration.

☐ Booth $385/$685  (10’x10’ space with one 8’ draped backdrop, two 3’ skirted side rails, 1 table & 2 chairs)
☐ Endcap $485/$755 (10’x10’ PRIME SPACE with one 8’ draped backdrop, one 3’ skirted side rail, 1 table & 2 chairs)

☐ Need Electricity
☐ Need WiFi

Booth Choice  #1___________   #2___________   #3___________

Company Name: ________________________________________________
Contact Person: ________________________________________________

Method of Payment:  _____Bill my Chamber Account  _____Check Enclosed

_____ Charge to my MC/ VISA/Discover #__________________________ Exp. Date__________

Return to: Grand Junction Chamber, 360 Grand Ave, Grand Junction, CO. Fax: 970-242-3694.

All events require preregistration and prepayment. Registration fees are nonrefundable FOUR BUSINESS DAYS prior to event. Substitutions may be made at any time. If special assistance is needed, notification to the Chamber four days prior to the event is required.

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Business Barometer

June 2014
A gauge of Grand Junction’s economic indicators published by the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce.
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970.242.3214

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OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

• A Healthy Business Climate Creates a Sustainable Community
• Representing and Advocating for Business is a Member Expectation
• Professional Connections and Networking Opportunities Build Business
• Quality of Life is Integral to our Economic Vitality
• Being Proactive & Innovative Improves our Effectiveness

Networking@Noon is an excellent way for business people to make new connections over lunch and discuss with 5-6 other business people what works (or doesn’t) in their businesses.

August 20, 2014
Wine Country Inn
777 Grande River Dr, Palisade
11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

$18 GJACC Members/$23 Future Members
Advanced Registration Required

Four Convenient Ways To Register:
Mail: GJ Area Chamber, 360 Grand Ave., GJ, CO 81501
Phone: (970) 242-3214  Fax: (970) 242-3694  Online: www.gjchamber.org