

OROFINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MARCH 2007

E-NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT- CONNIE ROBISON

Spring is finally here and isn't it nice to have more hours to enjoy it with the extra weeks of daylight savings time! Living in this beautiful valley with fantastic scenery, abundance of activities and friendly people is really what it's all about. Whatever your "reason" for this "season", I hope you are making the most of it and appreciate our slice of heaven on earth! This is the mission of the Orofino Chamber of Commerce – to advocate the economic vitality, high quality of life and wise use in the development of our resources for the benefit of all residents.

I'm very pleased to be serving as your President this year and would like to thank you, the membership, for your continuing support of our community. I look forward to seeing each of you at our general membership meetings. You know I love a crowd!

*Connie Robison
President
Orofino Chamber of Commerce*

SPOTLIGHT BUSINESS ~ STATE HOSPITAL NORTH

One of the Gem States' long standing institutions State Hospital North has been in existence in Orofino for over 100 years. In 1905 Dr. Givens brought a group of 20 patients from State Hospital South to the grounds where the hospital now stands. They lived in tents and worked with community members to build the original facility. In the 1960s and '70s a trend began to close state hospitals. But that has not eliminated the need. According to Robert Bourassa Director at State Hospital North "there are still individuals who require intensive hospitalization to help them stabilize and return to a functional role in the community." While every effort is made to minimize that stay, the institution is equipped to handle longer periods of hospitalization if necessary.

"These are exciting times!" said Bourassa. The hospital is currently serving about 55 patients, they are licensed for 60. A second Psychiatrist was recruited last summer: Dr. Karla Eisele a recent graduate of the psychiatric residency program at the University of Kansas joined the staff. In addition, State Hospital North is looking to recruit a Chief of Psychology in the next several months to assist with psychological testing, testimony in court and to provide training and education to staff.

Over the past year, State Hospital North has received funding to expand its services. Almost 1 million dollars in funding was received from the Legislature to increase bed capacity at the facility and to add 20 additional staff members in key positions such as nursing. A number of those staff positions have been filled by temporary and on call personnel already employed at the facility. The hospital continues to recruit for psychiatric tech trainee positions and may be looking for additional office staff in the near future. State Hospital North currently employs 109 full and part time employees as well as an on call staff which is used as needed.

Spotlight Businesses are drawn randomly from paid Chamber members. This is another benefit of membership

CHAMBER MEMBER FYI

INSTEAD OF TAKING CHANCES...GET TIPS TRAINING!

When you serve and sell alcohol, do you know the risks? Lawsuits if you over serve, lives if you serve to a drunk driver and your livelihood if you sell to a minor!

The Clearwater Substance Abuse Working Group is pleased to help you reduce the risks by offering TIPS Training 6:30-8:30pm March 29, 2006 at the Ponderosa Restaurant. TIPS, which stands for Training for Intervention Procedures, is a skills-based training program which focuses on responsible consumption whether it's at a bar, restaurant, ballpark (or Fair Days) concession, hotel or university. Participants leave TIPS training prepared to: recognize the signs of intoxication, spot underage drinkers and prevent sales to minors, intervene quickly and assuredly in potential problem situations, understand the difference between people enjoying themselves and those getting into trouble with alcohol, handle alcohol related situations with greater confidence and use proven strategies to prevent alcohol related problems.

Using TIPS brings immediate payback through lowered risk and a safer, more responsible work environment. With TIPS, you gain valuable competitive advantages like improved customer service, lower insurance premiums, reduced exposure to alcohol liability lawsuits and decreased penalties for alcohol violations.

Cost for the training is \$25 which includes the study guide and training materials. For more information please contact Becky Drewery at the Clearwater County Sheriff's office 476-4521 or Heather Burnham at the Orofino Chamber office 476-4335.

“OROFINO’S NIGHT IN HOLLYWOOD” ANNUAL CHAMBER AUCTION DATE SET

May 4, 2007 will be the date of this year's annual Chamber Auction. The theme will be “Orofino's Night in Hollywood”. The event will start at 6:00 pm and include a dinner, games, door prizes, silent auction, raffle, oral auction, complimentary drink ticket, and souvenir glass. Tickets are \$25 each or \$45 per couple and available from any auction committee member or at the Chamber Office. Call 476-4335 for more details. Don't miss out on your opportunity to be listed in the auction program by donating when approached by a committee member or by dropping off your donation at the Chamber Office.

CLEARWATER COMMUNITY COMPLEX COMMITMENT MEETING SCHEDULED

On April 12, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Orofino High School Cafeteria, the Clearwater Community Complex (CCC) Board of Directors will be facilitating a meeting that will determine the future of their proposed plans. Participation and support at this meeting is essential to the success of the Community Complex. The objective of the meeting is to identify the support for constructing and maintaining the facility. Ultimately, this meeting will tell the CCC Board whether or not a Community Complex will be constructed.

CHECK OUT WEBSITE CHANGES

Our General membership meeting minutes and Newsletters are now available on our website at www.orofino.com

NEW MEMBERS

Orofino Chamber of Commerce welcomes our new members.

- Support 4 Business
- King's of Orofino
- Four Seasons Gift Shop
- Northwest Value Drug
- SL Start
- City of Orofino

MEMBER ADS ~ YOU CAN HAVE YOUR 200 WORD AD HERE!

As a benefit of membership, the Board has come to a decision on business ads in our Chamber newsletter. In the quarterly newsletter, each member will be allowed one free ad per year with 200 words and a link which the business owner submits to the chamber office; any additional ads that year will be \$25. Please submit your ads to director@orofino.com for the next quarterly newsletter and let your Chamber work for you. You have the opportunity to reach our 100 plus members as well as anyone who views our newsletter on our website with information about your business.

TRIVIA QUESTION

Our Newsletter now features a trivia question. The first member to email the correct answer to director@orofino.com will win a fabulous prize.

Here is the question:

What was the theme of the 2000 Orofino Chamber Auction?

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8 - Easter

April 11 – Business after Hours – Best Western Lodge at River's Edge

April 12 – Clearwater Community Complex Meeting

April 14 - Orofino High School Prom

April 14 - Idaho Outfitters & Guides Spring Roundup

April 21 - National Turkey Federation Dinner & Auction

April 21 - Volunteer Fireman's Ball

April 27 - CVH Wine Tasting

April 28 – Community Clean Up Day

May 4 - Chamber Auction “Orofino’s Night in Hollywood”

May 5 - OCI Royalty Contest & Coronation

Are you curious about upcoming events? Follow the link to our website calendar:

<http://www.orofino.com/Events/plans.cgi>

The Orofino Chamber of Commerce meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at noon at the Ponderosa. Please join us.

We hope you enjoy our e-newsletter and look forward to hearing your comments and suggestions to make it even better. ~Monica Jones and Heather Burnham, Newsletter Team