

**OROFINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2007
PONDEROSA BANQUET ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

President Connie Robison called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. There were 21 members and 2 guests present. Staff included Burnham.

MINUTES

The minutes of the general membership meeting are now being emailed to the membership with the meeting reminders. The minutes of the general membership meeting were approved as presented.

GUESTS

Jeff Jones introduced Jim Crawford, who has just purchased Cleanline Carpet Cleaning Service. Burnham introduced Judy Howard, an Executive Recruiter with the Gorge Group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Judy Howard announced that she would like to put together a master list of people who are having problems with their Verizon service, either telephone or internet. Making not of the particular times and dates will be important in getting some of the problems fixed. She also encouraged the membership to call in trouble tickets if they are having problems. We may be able to have a bigger impact with the company if the numbers of people willing to speak up are higher.

Dennis Harper announced that Thursday April 12 at the High School Cafeteria, the Clearwater Community Complex will be having a meeting and laying out a plan for the Complex.

Teri Bolling announced that the "We the People" students will have a carwash fundraiser on Friday at Edward Jones and encouraged the membership to support the group.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

For the month of March, 4 tourism and 5 relocation packets went out.

Community Clean up Day is coming up April 28th and we will be sprucing up Heritage Plaza and the parking lot at that time. Please mark your calendars for that day.

The Parents of the OHS senior class of 2007 would like to express their appreciation for the support that the community has extended to the seniors throughout the years. Again this year, there will be an all night graduation party at the Armory on graduation night. They will recognize the accomplishments of these young adults while providing a safe, alcohol and substance free environment for enjoying the evening. If anyone has a special memory, funny story or words of wisdom for the seniors, please send them to the high school office to the attention of the senior party committee. They will be read throughout the party. Also, if you are able to help financially or with a gift certificate or merchandise

donation for drawings throughout the night, please contact the high school.

Nine free seminars will be held throughout Idaho in May and June to provide employers information about how the state's wage and hour laws affect them and on the unemployment insurance program and how they can control their costs. The seminars run from 8 to noon and one is scheduled for Lewiston on May 23rd at the Red Lion Inn. To register online for the nearest seminar, go to cl.idaho.gov. For any questions, call (208) 332-3570 ext 3576 or 800-448-2977 ext 3253. Space is limited so register today.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Affairs- The committee met last week and had a great discussion. They are refocusing their efforts and will upon Board approval begin work on an Economic Summit workshop in June.

Promotional- Business after Hours will be held April 11 at the Lodge at River's Edge from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

The quarterly newsletter has gone out and the committee would appreciate any input. Please do not forget that each member is allowed one free 200 word ad in the newsletter per year. Additional ads for that year are \$25.

Special Events- The Auction will take place May 4th at Lodge at River's Edge. This year's theme is "Orofino's Night in Hollywood". The tickets are \$25 each or 2/\$45 and include dinner, a drink ticket, a commemorative glass, and entry into the door prize drawing.

Welcome and Membership- No Report

Economic Development – No Report

GEM- The GEM committee met Thursday and went over priorities. The committee will be talking about improvements along Highway 12. The Gem committee is also interested in the Economic Summit workshop.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report

PROGRAM

Programs – April 18, OES students - Hydrogen power fuel cell cars
May 2, Danielle Hardy – Teen Center

Vice-President Ryan Smathers introduced our program speakers, Jim May and Stephanie Deyo with the Clearwater Valley Hospital Foundation. Deyo has been a resident of Orofino for 3 ½ years and May spent 30 years as an educator and he and his wife own the Reflections Inn in Kooskia.

Deyo reminded the membership about the Foundation's annual wine tasting on the 27th of April from 6:30 to 9:00 at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in the Little Flower Room. Cost is \$12 per person. She also stated that the Golden Hour tours will be offered again this year and encouraged the membership to attend or tell someone they know about this opportunity to tour Clearwater Valley Hospital and see how the facility works.

May told the membership that part of his job is to tell the story of the Hospital. Clearwater Valley Hospital and Clinics (CVHC) is owned by the County but managed the Benedictine Health System. St. Mary's Hospital (SMH) is owned and managed by the Benedictine Health System. The mission of the Hospital is to serve all people in need of health care with particular emphasis on the poor and powerless. Their purpose is to save lives and alleviate pain and suffering.

May continued that size matters in rural healthcare, duplication of services is costly. By pooling resources with SMH, the two hospitals can work together on grants and sharing the cost of equipment repair and get better deals on equipment and supplies. The hospital serves Clearwater, Lewis, and Idaho Counties and operates under four core values: respect, stewardship, hospitality and justice.

May discussed the economic impact of CVHC. They employ about 174 people with an annual payroll of \$6 million, have a gross annual income of \$18 million, receive no tax support, and pay the County approximately \$15,000 to lease the property. There were over 20,000 visits to the clinic last year, 4,185 emergency room visits, 839 hospital admissions and 87 home health patients. May also stated that CVHC is in a crisis of space right now and are talking about increasing space by building a new clinic.

Last year the Hospital gave out \$145,725 in charity care which is tough which is very tough for a non-profit. They also had \$796,510 in unpaid medical care. 60% of their patients are on Medicare or Medicaid. Over the last three years, they have brought in over \$3 million in grants, but most of them require match. They also place a high emphasis on upgrading the facilities such as the new ER area and CT scan machine.

May expressed that they could not provide the services that they do without the support of the community through donations and volunteerism. He encouraged the membership to help by using the facility, spreading the word, reporting problems to the hospital, volunteering, and consider giving money if possible. CVHC wants to build a \$1 million endowment by 2012 at the rate of \$50,000 to \$100,000 per year

There being no further business, President Robison adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

Connie Robison, President

ATTESTED:

Heather R. Burnham, Executive Director