



KALISPELL CHAMBER NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2019

KALISPELL CHAMBER HOSTED U.S. CHAMBER FOR ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ABOUT HIGHER EDUCATION

In further action to create the most educated and productive workforce in Montana, we met with the Director of Education and Workforce Policy at the U.S. Chamber and a variety of Flathead Valley employers on Monday, May 13. After nearly two hours of discussion, we were able to share our input regarding what should be the priorities of the U.S. Chamber during the upcoming reauthorization of the Higher Education Act later this year. [Click here for the meeting notes.](#)

4-LANE BUILD OUT OF RESERVE DRIVE

Following our April luncheon on Flathead highway projects this summer, we convened a meeting of city, county, state, and federal officials to pursue the idea of petitioning a change of designation of Reserve Drive from the Urban System to the State Primary System. Subsequently, [we submitted a letter requesting this change](#) along with resolutions of the City of Kalispell and Flathead County, all 14 members of the Flathead state legislative delegation on Senate Pro Tem Mark Blasdel's letterhead, and also from Sen. Daines. If approved, this would enable Reserve to be widened between US 93 and Whitefish Stage in as soon as two to three years. We should have an answer from the Highway Commission in the next 60-90 days.

IN THE NEWS



*Stakeholders Support Redesignation of Busy Road, Daily Inter Lake
County Votes to Change West Reserve Drive Designation, Flathead Beacon
Sustaining the Tourism Juggernaut, Flathead Beacon*

JUNE LUNCHEON: 3RD ANNUAL 20 UNDER 40 AWARDS

Tuesday, June 18 | 11:45am - 1:15pm | Red Lion Hotel | \$20/members, \$25 non-members, FREE for Nominees

This year, business and community members from all corners of the Flathead submitted over 100 nominations for top young professionals. From bankers to surgeons to successful entrepreneurs, our valley is packed with young individuals who are sure to positively shape the future of our community.

Nominations were reviewed by two separate panels of judges, including 20 past winners and then a number of business owners, managers, and community influencers from across the entire valley. The judges selected the 20 individuals who best represent a cross-section of talented "up and comers" who are making a difference in the Flathead Valley. These winners demonstrate success, unique talents, achievements, community involvement and more. Join us in this year's 20 Under 40 announcement and awards ceremony luncheon.

20 UNDER 40 IS A
PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN:

DAILY INTER LAKE



Please [click here to RSVP by 3:00pm Friday, June 14](#) or contact our office directly at (406) 758-2803.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS BRIEFS

Our final report on the 66th Legislative Session is now available. A total of 1,309 bills and resolutions were introduced this session, with 375 approved by the Legislature and sent to the Governor's desk. Already, 203 bills have been signed into law by the Governor, with only five bills vetoed thus far. A total of 86 bills and resolutions were tabled in the House and 98 in the Senate. In the House, 334 bills were killed, and 126 bills were killed in the Senate. [Click here for the full report.](#)

THE NEWS AROUND TOWN

- ClassOne Technology was named as Montana Exporter of the year
- MyPlace Hotel has opened - it's an 85-room extended-stay hotel near Glacier High School
- Belton Chalet has been acquired by Pursuit Glacier Park Collections
- Allegiant Airlines began service to Phoenix (AZA) on May 15th
- American Airlines will begin summer daily-direct service to LAX, DFW, and ORD on June 6th.

UNWIND WITH HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON

Tuesday, June 11 | 5:00 - 6:30pm | 195 Hutton Ranch Road, Kalispell | FREE!

Spend time exploring the Homewood Suites by Hilton's courtyard area, guest rooms, and other hotel spaces during our June business after-hours networking event! Beer, wine, soda, and water will be available in addition to light appetizers. Be sure to bring business cards to exchange with your new connections and also to enter for one of the evening's exciting prizes, including several Hilton hotel stays, half-day whitewater rafting trips, and more.

THINKING THURSDAY: CYBERSECURITY

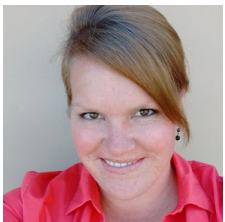
Thursday, June 20 | 8:30 - 10:00am | Kalispell Chamber Conference Room | FREE!

Cybersecurity: What it is, why you need it, and how to strengthen it across your organization? Beyond just evaluating the tools involved, Shawn Weisz, Owner of Weisz Consulting, will explore holistic approaches to cybersecurity and various methods of adoption to use across your organization. By increasing your IT security footprint, your reputation for safeguarding company and customer information will also increase. This event is limited in space and open for the first 35 people who [register here](#).

Presenting this month:



GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



Greetings! I am excited to be back home in the Flathead, and I am honored to represent your business as your Kalispell Chamber of Commerce Membership Development Director. My goal is to assist you in connecting with other multifaceted businesspeople in our community – and across the state. I am thrilled to re-join the Kalispell Chamber team and I'm looking forward to connecting with businesses all across our beautiful valley. My goal is to help spread business enthusiasm, excitement, and energy. Let's get businesspeople excited to get involved with the Kalispell Chamber and our local community!

Igniting connections is my specialty – and I love to connect the right people with one another. I have a passion for helping others build and utilize effective networks. As a busy business owner, it can be difficult to be visible at the right times. Business owners often get entrenched in the process of developing products and creating services – and they sometimes forget to showcase their own unique passions in order to highlight their business properly. My role is to consistently seek out active chamber members in order to introduce them to partners, clients, and opportunities that can take their businesses to the next level of growth and sustainability. In everything I do, my top priority is to see Flathead businesses succeed, prosper, and flourish.

As your Membership Development Director for the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce, I am responsible for member engagement, retention, and recruitment. My strengths lie in member relations, marketing, and business development. As we continue to grow our Kalispell Chamber of Commerce network, please keep in mind that referrals are greatly appreciated. Who do you know that should join the Kalispell Chamber? Who can I connect you with? How can I help you build your business? I look forward to hearing from you.

Please connect with me via LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/margitb/>

If you would like to schedule a time to chat, please give me a call at 406-758-5054 or email: m.baake@kalispellchamber.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FROM MAY!



TRACKER+SCOUT

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

10 YEARS

- America's Best Value Inn

5 YEARS

- Carbonari Associated, Inc.
- MacKenzie River Pizza, Grill & Pub

1 YEAR

- Staples
- Beckman's
- Alpenglow Aesthetics
- CompuNet Inc.
- HeartStone Advisors
- HK Painting

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 11 - UNWIND with Homewood Suites

JUNE 12-14 - Montana Young Professionals Summit

JUNE 18 - June Luncheon, 20 Under 40 Awards

JUNE 20 - Thinking Thursday: Cybersecurity

JULY 4 - Kalispell's 4th of July Parade

JULY 9 - UNWIND with Spectrum Reach

JULY 24-28 - The Event at Rebecca Farm

Grand Opening Party Open House!

Free food
Bouncy House
Raffles

Live Music
Kid Activities
Give Aways

3:30-6:00pm
Ribbon Cutting 4:30



1600 Whitefish Stage, Suite 1

DIG ROTARY

HIGHWAY 93 & ROSE CROSSING, KALISPELL

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2019 10AM - 4PM



**ASK FOR ALLIANCE TITLE IN YOUR NEXT
REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION**

- Title Insurance
 - Escrow Closings
 - Local Team of Professionals
- Yes, it matters where you close*

Kalispell - 752-7606
Whitefish- 862-3094



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13th ANNUAL A.L.E.R.T./BETTY WOODS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 4 Person Scramble at Village Greens Golf Course Presented by Kalispell Toyota

WHEN: Saturday, July 13, 2019
9am Shotgun Start
Breakfast Bar before and
BBQ immediately following
CARTS INCLUDED

WHERE: Village Greens Golf Course
135 Palmer Drive
Kalispell, MT 59901

WHY: Proceeds to be divided between A.L.E.R.T.
and The Betty Woods Flathead Valley
Emergency Services Endowment

WHO: You, your family and friends

TEAM SPONSOR:

Golfers
Name: _____ HCP _____
Address: _____ Shirt size _____

Phone: _____

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The A.L.E.R.T. Air Ambulance helicopter program was founded in 1975. It has over 18,000 flights and 1,500 lives saved in its history and performs over 400 flights annually. The A.L.E.R.T. helicopter crew consists of 20+ crew members including pilots, flight nurses and paramedics.

Betty Ann Woods was an employee of KRMCC for 28 years, starting out in the ICU and taking her first A.L.E.R.T. flight as a cardiac nurse in 1982. She transferred to the ER to fulfill her dream of flying on A.L.E.R.T. on a regular basis. Betty felt that emergency services were the backbone of a community and helped to offer training to many in the EMS field. She also sat on the Board of Three Rivers Ambulance.

*Betty took her last page on September 10, 2006.
Gone, but not forgotten.*

COST: \$400.00 per team x _____ = _____
Mulligans - \$10.00 each x _____ = _____
(2 per player limit)
Super Rope - \$50.00 _____
(one per team)
TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Return application with check made payable to:

A.L.E.R.T./Betty Woods Golf Tournament
c/o Kalispell Regional Healthcare Foundation
310 Sunnyview Lane
Kalispell, MT 59901

For more details, contact: Kalispell Regional Healthcare
Foundation (406) 751-6930 or Village Greens Golf Course
(406) 752-4666



#MTYP2019

Flathead Area Young Professionals will be hosting the statewide Montana Young Professionals Summit coming to Kalispell June 12-14 this year! We are excited to welcome you to the regional, cultural, and economic powerhouse that is Kalispell for the 2019 Montana Young Professionals Summit. The theme of this year's summit is Ignite. How are you going to ignite your community, career, company, yourself, and others around you?

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

3:00PM - REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN
6:00PM - KICKOFF CRUISE ON FLATHEAD LAKE

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

7:00AM - REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN OPENS
8:30AM - WELCOME REMARKS AND INTROS
9:30AM - KEYNOTE SPEAKER, JUSTIN SCHENCK
10:30AM - BREAK
10:45AM - BREAKOUT SESSION #1
12:00PM - LUNCH
1:20PM - BREAKOUT SESSION #2.
2:45PM - CREATIVE TEAM BUILDING
4:00PM - BREAK (AND A SURPRISE!)
4:15PM - CLOSING REMARKS
6:00PM - A VIP EXPERIENCE AT THE BLUE MOON RODEO

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

7:00AM - YOGA AND MIMOSAS
8:30AM - FRAMING THE DAY
9:05AM - BREAKOUT SESSION #3
10:40AM - BREAK
11:00AM - BREAKOUT SESSION #4
12:00PM - BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER (ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2020 SUMMIT)
12:30 - LUNCH AND CLOSING KEYNOTE
1:30 - ADJOURN

3:00 - 9:00PM OPTIONAL CLASS 3 WHITEWATER
RAFT TRIP WITH GLACIER RAFT

\$179/PERSON

CLICK HERE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON:

- Breakout session topics
- Featured Speakers
- Accommodations
- Things to do in Kalispell

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Sponsorship opportunities still available!
Contact Kate Lufkin at (406) 758-2801

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