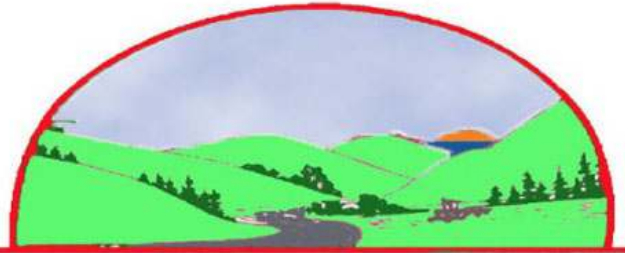


## OUR MISSION:

- Preserving the competitive free enterprise system of business.
- Promoting business and community growth and development.



**Grand Mound - Rochester  
Chamber of Commerce**

**9917 Hwy 12 SW, Rochester**

**Together We can make a difference**



**Gene Weaver**

## NOTE From the PRESIDENT

### STRATEGIC PLANNING

A somewhat lofty wording for the question of “What the heck do we do now?” Thanks to all of you, the Chamber has enjoyed several years of dynamic growth and big impact on community and South County affairs.

Due to the steady infusion of new younger and motivated members, your executive board is fairly sizzling with enthusiasm and ideas for taking our Chamber to new and exciting heights of service and influence on behalf of our business members.

The July meeting survey and recent morning planning session at Mill’s Diner produced a lot of information about member perception of our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

One immediate result is to co-sponsor a life skills program for community members young and old, who wish to learn more about improving their making and managing money skills. First session is planned for 6:00 p.m. on Sept. 25th at the Mill’s Diner. Stay tuned for more details on this and other exciting developments!

**Gene**

# FEATURE BUSINESS

## Mill's Diner

Mill's Diner is in downtown Rochester at 10109 Hwy 12. It started becoming a reality on January 20, 2017. Owners/operators Kevin and Amanda Mills had not meant to get into the food industry again but providence or luck entered the picture. The Weaver family, along with Lowell Deguise and Susie Waltrip (the previous owner of the establishment) worked very hard to make this a possibility. They are open from 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM seven days a week. Their menu includes Country Fried Steak, Philly Cheese Steak, Taco Salad and some really good tasting breakfasts.

Their mission is to "Serve the Community" and the thing that sets Mill's Diner apart from other eating establishments is their focus on creating a "friendly & community centered" environment. They provide a good meal while visiting with others.



## CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP

Joining the Chamber is easy and affordable! The annual membership fee is \$60.00. To sign up, mail your name, name of business, mailing address, phone, and e-mail address along with your payment to:

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PO Box 211, Rochester, WA 98579

- 184th Avenue Apartments
- Advanced Well Drilling
- Americool Heating and A/C
- Auto Tech Services
- Bailey's IGA
- Bill Liddle
- Boys & Girls Club
- Brian Riley Insurance
- Cathy Fullerton
- Chettie's Woodworking, LLC
- Cindi Whiting - Edward Jones Investments
- Dream Weavers, Inc.
- Enterprise For Equity
- Farmers—Riley Insurance Agency
- First Choice Storage
- Gate Ranch Schoolhouse
- Gate City Golf Club
- Gerardo Leyton Halls Crystal Flutes
- Hawes Aluminum
- Hexen Glass Studio
- Hive5 Bees\*
- JMJ Services Inc.
- Johnson & Johnson Overhead Doors, Inc.
- Key Bank
- Laurel Smith , PS
- Lucky Eagle Casino
- Mariachi
- Methodist Church
- Morgan Family Dental
- Outback RV Park

- Port of Olympia
- Rochester Lumber Inc.
- Rochester School District
- Rochester Sun News, Devaul Publishing
- Rochester Water Association
- ROOF Community Services
- Sandstone Distillery
- Scatter Creek Animal Clinic
- Security State Bank
- Seventh Generation Charters
- South County Licensing
- Stephen Angove, CPA
- Stevie Canaday The Feed Bin
- Town Center Dental
- Oakville Timberland Regional Library\*
- Truepoint Metal Works
- Weaver Investments

\* New Members since last newsletter!

**There's room on this list for your business!**

**Not sure if the Chamber is for you?**

**Decide after you join us for a lunch meeting.**

## Successful Business Tips

How to partner with local businesses

Invest some time in developing a partnership with those local businesses who serve the same type of customer that you do. When envisioning this type of partnership think about those businesses that are complementary to yours. It can be mutually beneficial when connecting with other local businesses that serve the same type of customer. This can give you the opportunity to promote your specialties to a wider audience. Once you establish a partnership with another, or with several other businesses, explore ideas for building brand awareness, sending out promotions for new products or increasing sales during the special seasons of the year. Test out different promotional ideas and see what works over the long term. A community event might be an appropriate method to extend your customer base and have a positive impact on everyone involved. Using your existing social media channels can help develop your partnership by joining together in promoting common community goals. One of our local common goals is the STEDI "Shop local" program that has just been announced.

# What your Board of Directors has been doing!

Your Board of Directors has decided to publish the minutes of their meetings and each month's Treasurer's Report on the Grand Mound Rochester Chamber of Commerce website at: <http://grandmoundrochesterchamber.com/minutes/> They will be in PDF File format and you will need the Adobe Reader ( Your computer should have Adobe Reader installed on it but if it doesn't you can download a free version at: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/?promoid=KSNEY> )

The meeting minutes will be posted after the following month's meeting to allow the Board to approve them

## Upcoming

### Meetings:

*Meetings are held at noon on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Lunch \$10*

- **September 6 - Chamber Lunch Meeting at Rochester School District Office. After lunch we will tour the ROOF facility to view, among other things, their new food recycling operation.**
- **October 4 - Chamber Lunch Meeting at Rochester School District Office. Shelli Slaughter of the Thurston County Health Department.**



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#### WHAT IS A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?

The Grand Mound Rochester Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization that connects businesses in order to build a better community.

The major responsibility of a Chamber of Commerce is to enhance the community's economic well-being by facilitating the growth of existing businesses and fostering new ones. Our Chamber of Commerce works to ensure the Grand Mound Rochester area has a voice in county and state issues impacting businesses, and supports community events and service organizations.

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