

## OUR MISSION:

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



## NOTE from the PRESIDENT

Gene Weaver

### HAS WINTER BYPASSED US?

What amazing weather we have been experiencing! Seems like, as a business community, we should start promoting our Pacific Northwest as the new California! (Without the crowds).

It was a pleasure to have Bud Blake our new County Commissioner, attend February's meeting with an update on County affairs. He is also been seen at other local functions along with checking out the Grand Mound Interchange problems. How exciting to finally have a commissioner for our district who knows South County exists and is interested in our economic well-being.

The election results prove there is strength in numbers and provides incentive for our Chamber to grow and promote the well-being of our business community.

Gene

## New Chamber Office

**The Grand Mound-Rochester Chamber of Commerce now has a home!**

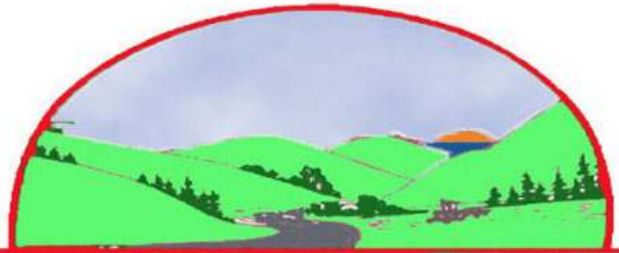
We are located in the Dream Weavers Real Estate Office at 9917 Hwy 12 in downtown Rochester. Contact information for member business and general Chamber information is available.

## BOARD MEMBERS...

- Gene Weaver, President
- Kim Fry, Vice President
- Amy Howlett, Secretary
- Shaun Baker, Treasurer
- Dick Bailey, Member-at-large
- Shawna Bruce, Member-at-large
- Ron Grant, Member-at-large
- Bill Liddle, Member-at-large
- Bill Zimmerman, Membership Chairman

### Advisory Board Members

- Cindi Whiting
- Kay Crookshanks
- Tamara Marlowe



## Grand Mound - Rochester Chamber of Commerce

9917 Hwy 12 SW, Rochester

Together We can make a difference

## FEATURE BUSINESS

### Kathie Slingerland-Tucker Amazing Spa and School

Kathie has been involved in "hands on Prayer" and Reiki in peoples homes and Churches for many years and has seen some amazing results. People tell her they are relieved of stress, sleeplessness, headaches, bone & muscle discomfort and they say it works well with conventional treatment. She sees people relax, feel better and sometimes amazing results and enjoys working with the friendly, generous, loving people in our fast growing but still small town atmosphere.

In December of 2014 she rented space at 7505C 183rd Ave SW Rochester, WA (Corner of Sargent Road and 185rd Ave SW) where she meets with clients on an appointment only basis. Her phone number is 1-360-324-2252 to arrange for an appointment. Her website is:

<http://www.amazingspaandschool.com/>

# 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:

Grand Mound Rochester  
Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 211, Rochester, WA 98579

- 184th Avenue Apartments
- Amazing Reiki SPA. LLC\*
- Americool Heating and A/C
- Asphalt-Tech
- Bailey's IGA
- Bailey's Northwest Property Management
- Boys & Girls Club
- Brian Riley Insurance
- Chettie's Woodworking, LLC
- Cram-A-Lot Self Storage\*
- CindiWhiting - Edward Jones Investments
- Dream Weavers, Inc.
- Edminster Construction
- First Choice Storage
- Furniture Maker & Flea Market
- Gate Ranch Golf Club
- German Cleaning Services
- Grand Mound Beverages
- Grand Mound Licensing
- Grand Mound Shell\*
- HallsCrystal Flutes
- Hawes Aluminum
- Hexen Glass Studio
- Hinkle Homes
- James L. Prato Insurance
- JJ's Towing
- JMJ Accounting Services

- Johnson & Johnson Overhead doors, Inc.
- Junction Sports Bar & Grill
- Kay Crookshanks Investment Advisor
- Key Bank
- Law Office of Laurel Smith
- Lucky Eagle Casino
- Mariachi Mexican Restaurant
- Morgan Family Dental
- NAPA Auto Parts
- Outback RV Park
- Photography by Robin
- Popes Kids Place\*
- Port of Olympia
- PRC Maintenance and Construction
- Rick's Kustom Kars
- Rochester Lumber
- Rochester School District
- Rochester Sun News
- Rochester United Methodist Church
- Rochester Water Association
- ROOF Community Services
- Scatter Creek Animal Clinic
- Security State Bank
- Stephen Angove, CPA
- Sto N Go Storage
- Town Center Dental
- Timberland Regional Library
- Umpqua Bank
- Weaver Investments
- Wilson Auto Parts (NAPA)

\* 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 **SPECIAL** Article

### Small-business Podcasts

One great way to get tips and tricks for running and growing your business is online podcasts. You can listen in your free time on your computer or download them to mobile devices. Here are some podcasts to check out.

- BNI Podcast: [bnipodcast.com](http://bnipodcast.com) Offers insight into developing business through networking and word-of-mouth marketing.
- The Smallbiz Brain: [smallbizamerica.com/ssb](http://smallbizamerica.com/ssb) Provides interviews with small-business experts and leaders.
- Back to Work: [5by5.tv/2w](http://5by5.tv/2w) Discusses productivity, communication, work, barriers, constraints, tools, and more.
- Total Picture Radio: [totalpicture.com](http://totalpicture.com) Focuses on talent acquisition, human resource technology, leadership, innovation and career management.
- Brick and Motor Reporter: [bricckandmotorreporter.com](http://bricckandmotorreporter.com) Serves as the online resource for offline business, focusing on local businesses.

Score, a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses, supported by the Small Business Administration, also hosts podcasts for small businesses at [score.org/podcast](http://score.org/podcast)

## Chamber Advisory Board Members

These three members have been appointed to positions as Advisory members of the Board

Cindi Whiting  
[Cindi.whiting@edwardsjones.com](mailto:Cindi.whiting@edwardsjones.com)

Kay Crookshanks  
[blackbart4@comcast.net](mailto:blackbart4@comcast.net)

Tamara Marlowe  
[Tamara.marlow@luckyeagle.com](mailto:Tamara.marlow@luckyeagle.com)

They will provide input for the decisions the Board makes but will not be voting members of the Board.

### 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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### Upcoming Meetings:

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

- May 6 - Chamber Lunch Meeting at Rochester School District Office. Speaker: Commissioner Sandra Romero on Agritourism Program and Gene Weaver on Interchange Problems
- June 3 - Chamber Lunch Meeting at Rochester School District Office. Speaker: Maarcy Maki—Head Start