



# Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce

# Newsletter

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## President's Message

**How quickly a year flies by!** As I finish the final two months as the Chamber president, I am thinking how fast the year gone by. It seems like the summer celebration was just last week.

We are starting to discuss names of people we should honor for both the Chamber honoree and the Good Citizen Award. Again if you have an idea, let us know. The Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19th. We will again be having our cake auction. It was a lot of fun last year so we are going to do it again. We have had a good year and thank all the volunteers who step forward to help keep Winthrop a very active and progressive community. Because of the hard work for the two celebrations, we have decided to reward our members by giving two free banquet tickets to our chamber members. In order to keep track of numbers, the tickets will have to be picked up at Uncle Charlies Flowers and should be available by the end of October. Again thank you to all of you that have helped us this year.

DeAnn Woods is busy lining up the committees for the next year and will announce them at the banquet. We have three directors position that will be elected at our October Board meeting on Oct. 13th. Jessi Jackson, Russ Peters and Nikki Willemssen are in their final year of the three year term. Nikki and Russ have stated that they will not be running for another term, so we will be looking for two new board members.

**Tailgating Picnic.** Cold rainy weather didn't deter people from enjoying a hamburger and ice cream sandwich at the Chamber's Tailgate Picnic on Friday, Sept. 23. The Chamber served 260 hamburgers which was about the same as last year. The Chamber will be handling this event over to the Booster Club next year and instead look for another event to say thanks you to the community.

**After Hours.** We normally have an After Hours in the fall and we have a couple of businesses that have asked about the event, but nothing is finalized yet. Please let one of the board members know if you are interesting in sponsoring the event this year.

**Pavallion.** We have joined forces with the Winthrop Lions and Winthrop Area Foundation to form a committee to talk about a pavallion in the city park. Ellen Anderson is representing the Chamber on this committee and we look forward to reports from the committee in the coming months.

**Winthrop Royalty.** Again this year we sent our Miss Winthrop to the Aquatennial celebration. Miss Zacate did an excellent job representing Winthrop. Hopefully you had a chance to see the video of her giving her speech and bragging about our community. Miss Zacate also attended our August meeting and reported on the whole week of activities.

**Music in the Park.** We thank the Winthrop Lions for being the catalyst in organizing Music in the Park. We had four great concerts this summer and we thank Marlene Roepke and Tom McCarthy from the Lions and Jenny Hazelton and Lori Bussler representing the Chamber for their work. We continue to look for ways to work together with other organizations to help make Winthrop a great place to live.



Kellie Sloot, President

### CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Kellie Sloot, president
- DeAnn Woods, vice president
- Doug Hanson, exec. secretary
- Jessi Jackson, treasurer
- Jenny Hazelton, director
- Ellen Anderson, director
- Nikki Willemssen, director
- Russ Peters director
- Robin Kiel, director
- Brenda Meyer, director
- Charlie Collins,  
director & immed past pres.

### MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

Second Thursday of each month at Hahn's Dining at 6:45 a.m. Chamber members are welcome to attend.

### UPCOMING 2016 EVENTS

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Tailgating Picnic        | Sept. 23 |
| After Hours              | Oct. ?   |
| Annual Banquet           | Nov. 19  |
| Christmas in the Country | Dec. 3   |

### **Can we keep you better informed?**

If you would like the minutes of our board meetings emailed to you, please let the secretary know.



# Chamber Banquet

Saturday, Nov. 19

at Hahn Dining and Lounge

There will be a silent auction!

Watch for more information on who will be honored and when the tickets will be available.

## After Hours Social

The Chamber is looking for businesses that would like to sponsor an After Hours Social in October.

The sponsors —

- ✓ Pick the location.
- ✓ Decide on the menu & cost
- ✓ Pick the date

The Chamber pays for the first beverage.

### Chamber Presidents the Past 11 Years!



2009 Sue



2014-15 Charlie



2013 Jenny



2012, 2016 Kellie



2010-11 Brenda



2007 Chris



2006 Elaine



2008 Mike

The Chamber is always looking at new ways to better serve our community and Chamber members!

**Our Mission Statement**  
The purpose of the Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce is to promote the interest of the business community.

The Chamber will also support and encourage those cultural and civic events beneficial to the community and endorse those activities that will improve or expand the quality of life in Winthrop.